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British Elections Feb 23?

MR ATTLEE STILL SILENT

London, Jan. 6.—Expectation of a British general election next month has been heightened among all political parties here tonight.

February 23 is the most strongly tipped date.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, maintained complete silence but it was known that many of his followers were on the alert for an Election Day announcement in the near future.

The Liberal Party, which plans to put forward 400 candidates in the field, officially warned its supporters to be ready for a general election at any time after February 1.

Parliamentary quarters think that with election fever continuing at the present height the Government, whatever its intentions, will be obliged to keep the situation in hand by an early announcement.—Reuter.

CRASH-LANDING SLAYS FOUR

Karachi, Jan. 6.—Four by-standers were killed and 70 were injured when a Dacca Bharat Airways Skymaster crash-landed and burst a crowded village market place near the East Bengal-Tripura border last Friday.

The two pilots, Captains Anderson and Rendell, said by Australians and the radio operator, M. L. Ghose, received burns and other injuries. Ghose's condition was said to be serious.—Reuter.

SEA MONSTER WASHED ASHORE

Suez, Jan. 6.—A sea monster with tusks like an elephant and covered with rough hair, has been washed ashore by heavy seas in the Gulf of Suez. It is believed to have collided with the 5,267-ton Norwegian tanker Cornelius Maersk and had been killed.

It is nearly 40 feet long. Local experts say it belongs to the family of hump-backed whales.—Reuter.

U.S. Protest Over Hongkong Handling Of Airlines Dispute Demanded

New York, Jan. 6.—Mr. Charles Edison, chairman of the Committee to Defend America by aiding anti-Communist China, today demanded a prompt protest by the United States to Britain over the delay by Hongkong officials in handing over to General Claire Chennault and Mr. Whiting Willauer 73 airplanes and other property they claim they purchased from two Chinese airlines.

Mr. Edison, formerly Governor of New Jersey, declared that British recognition of Communist China was its own business, "but it is our affair if American lives or the property of American citizens are to be used as pawns; if planes owned by American citizens are to become available to the Communist armies for use in attacking Formosa, held by the Nationalist government, we ourselves recognise." He also blasted the State Department for its "appeasement" policy in the Far East which he said constituted an "Atlantic Munich."—United Press.

Sydney's Port Paralysed

Sydney, Jan. 6.—A complete strike of Sydney's 6,000 water-side workers tonight paralysed port activity, tied up 51 foreign and inter-State ships and threatened to spread generally to the whole Australian coastline.

Workers were protesting against the employment of men not members of the Waterside Workers Federation as first-aid officers on overseas vessels. Federation talks with ship-owners broke down during the day and the last workers were ordered to leave all ships and join 3,500 others who have been on strike for the past three days.

A Federation mass meeting has been called for Monday, but Sydney shipping men did not expect work to be resumed before the middle of next week.—Reuter.

Lion Tamer Mauled

Barietta, Italy, Jan. 6.—A lion tamer, Oscar Konyet, put his hand into a lion's mouth and was badly mauled at a public performance. Children around and women fondled the animal. An American was injured by the lion's paw. The lion tamer's performance was interrupted by the same lion's paw. The lion tamer's performance was interrupted by the same lion's paw.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

The Tramways Dispute

The Hongkong Tramways dispute showed no new development this morning. It was learned from the Company that there is no prospect of the resumption of service this week-end although a few applications for work from old and new workers have been received.

It is learned that the Hongkong Tramways Company has no intention of running a temporary service from the Vehicular Ferry Pier to Tsimshui Road, while the tram dispute continues.

The Hongkong Tramways Company's Tsimshui Road-Jordan Road service has carried over 50,000 passengers daily since trans-ferred running on the Island.

Police workers, to avoid the long walk to their offices and home, have been travelling on this particular ferry service by which the city is reached via the Jordan Road Vehicular Ferry Pier service. An incident taken on the home-ward journey.

British Recognition Of Peking, Latest

No Assurances Sought About Hongkong

WORLD-WIDE REACTION TO BRITAIN'S DECISION

London, Jan. 6.—Before recognising the Communist Government in China, Britain neither sought nor required assurances from the Communist authorities about the British Colony of Hongkong, a Foreign Office spokesman said here today.

Questioned as to whether there were differences between Britain and Commonwealth Governments about recognition, he said he thought that there were none of principle, though each Government had to decide on timing.

In reply to another question, he said that Britain's refusal to recognise the Nationalist blockade was unchanged and Nationalist measures against shipping did not become any more legal owing to British withdrawal of recognition.

The Nationalist blockade was not brought up by the Minister of State, Mr. Hector McNeill, with Dr. Cheng T'ing-hsi, former Chinese Nationalist Ambassador, at their interview last night, he said.

As far as he knew, there were no Chinese Communist representatives already in Britain.—Reuter.

NO AGREEMENT WITH MAO'S POLICIES

Singapore, Jan. 6.—Britain did not see with the policies of Mao Tse-tung's Government any more than it agreed with the policy of Stalinist Russia or France, Spain, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner General in South-East Asia, said in a broadcast here today.

"Provided the Chinese Government does not interfere with the affairs of other peoples outside China we can only accept their choice," he declared.

While Mao Tse-tung could claim to represent the Chinese people, he added, the Communist leaders in Malaya could make no claim whatever to represent the peoples of Malaya.

Mr. MacDonald added, "Some Communist Government might do harm to their neighbours' business."

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Norway Recognises

Oslo, Jan. 6.—The Norwegian Government has decided to give de jure recognition to the Chinese Communist Government—the seventh non-Communist State to recognise Mao Tse-tung's regime—it was announced here tonight.

The Norwegian Consul-General in Shanghai has been instructed to inform the Communist Foreign Minister that Norway is ready to send a Charge d'Affaires to Peking.—Reuter.

Melbourne.—The Federal Cabinet is to discuss Australia's attitude in Canberra on Monday, a usually reliable source said.

Karachi.—The Canadian Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Lester Pearson, said on his arrival here that he did not expect Canada to accord recognition until his return from Colombo about February 10.

Washington.—There was nothing official to add to last night's statement by the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, that any recognition of Mao Tse-tung's Government would be premature at present.

Pretoria.—As far as is known, the South African Government has not yet considered the recognition question.

South Africa has few interests and no nationals in China.

Paris.—A Foreign Office spokesman said that France could not recognise Mao Tse-tung until her Assembly had ratified the treaty granting independence to the Vietnam State headed by ex-Emperor Bao Dai.

The Hague.—Holland and the new Indonesian Republic are holding consultations on the subject of recognition.

New Delhi.—Informed quarters here predicted that the British recognition would be a lead to other nations of Western Europe to take similar action without delay.

Tokyo.—Japanese trade quarters forecast that the Communist authorities would ease restrictions on British shipping and that both British and Japanese trade with Communist China might increase as a result.

Hongkong.—The British and Chinese communities here generally welcomed the British recognition, though an Army spokesman said that no early reduction could be expected in Hong Kong's 30,000 garrison.

Ambassador To Work As Lawyer

London, Jan. 6.—Dr. Cheng T'ing-hsi, Chinese Ambassador to Britain until midday today when the British Government switched its recognition to the new Communist Republic, plans to work as a lawyer here once he is free.

He has been a Judge of the International Court of Justice at The Hague and a Judge of the Chinese Supreme Court and sat on the Commission which laid the foundation of China's modern jurisprudence.

"I have always tried to earn my own living," he told Reuter today.

His ultimate desire—he is 65—is to retire in England, where he has already spent 15 years as student and Ambassador.

With him in London are two of his three daughters and two sons. One son is at present preparing his thesis for a Doctor of Philosophy degree at London University.—Reuter.

Czechs Expel 4 Foreign Newsmen

Prague, Jan. 6.—The Czechoslovak Government has ordered four Western press correspondents to leave the country at short notice. These new expulsions were accepted here as a plain warning that press security arrangements affecting the small handful of Western correspondents remaining here may be tightened.

The journalists under orders to leave are: Richard Kaschke, American citizen, chief of the Prague Bureau of the Associated Press of America; Rob Roy Buckingham, an American, second in command in Prague for the United Press of America; Eric Bourne, British, who represents the Kemsley Newspapers and the Exchange Telegraph News Agency; Madame Amber Bousoflov, who holds a Czech passport and represents the Agence France Presse (the French news agency).

The Foreign Ministry today told Mr. Bourne that he could stay until January 15, though police confirmation of this had yet to be received. Mr. Bourne and Madame Bousoflov had earlier received police notices dated Wednesday, giving them three days' grace.

ONE MAN LEFT
Madame Bousoflov, who has her mother and daughter here, appealed for time to clear up her affairs after a long residence in Prague, and was tonight granted a temporary extension of her permit.

The British Ambassador in Prague, Sir P. J. Plerson Dixon, said that the Foreign Minister, Dr. Vladimir Clementis, had told him that objection was taken to Mr. Bourne's association with local citizens.

The effect of the latest move against foreign correspondents will be that the British Press will be represented by one man—Mr. Robert Bigio of Reuters News Agency; the Americans by two instead of four, and the French by one instead of two.

No individual Western newspaper is now represented here, although Mr. Dana Schmidt, of the New York Times, is expected to try to return after his vacation in the United States.

The Czech Foreign Ministry told the United Press of America that there was no objection to the agency as such, but exception was taken to reports written by Mr. Buckingham.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman, asked how they knew which reports Mr. Buckingham wrote, replied: "We have means of knowing."—Reuter.

Clear Water Bay Road Accident

Driver Killed, Two Boy Scouts Injured

Seven Chinese boy scouts were involved in a serious motor accident which caused the death of the driver and injuries to two others on January 2, it was learned this morning from the Kowloon Traffic authorities.

A party of boy scouts, after their duty at the Chinese Products Exhibition in Kowloon, went out for a ride and at about 2.15 p.m. while they were passing Clear Water Bay Road the car skidded, crashed into the side of the hill and turned over.

The driver, Tam Wing-nin, was fatally injured. He was immediately taken to hospital but never regained consciousness. He died the following day.

Police inquiry into the mishap is still proceeding but the cause of the accident is believed to have been due to the fact that the driver temporarily lost control of the vehicle.

The car was an Austin.

EDITORIAL

Britain Takes The Step

THE long-anticipated announcement that Britain has extended recognition to the Chinese Communist Government in Peking has now been made, and it can be expected that reactions generally among Britons in the Far East will be of satisfaction, inasmuch that this action corrects what has been an illogical situation. Recognition of the Communist regime must, of necessity, mean severance of official relations with the Nationalist Government now in refuge on the island of Formosa. From a sentimental point of view the break is painful, but the realities of the moment brook no other course. The important point to remember is that Britain's latest decision means she is eager and prepared to do whatever she can in the interests of the Chinese people as a whole. By direct diplomatic, social, religious and commercial contact, Britain can help to wield a friendly influence directed towards the welfare of the Chinese nation, despite the presence of a Government whose fundamental concepts of the way of life are in diametric opposition to those of the British people. It will probably be some little time before the real effects of recognition are discernible. Commercial interests, naturally, hope for new opportunities for expanding their relations with the hinterland, the generally accepted conviction being that China, no matter what her Administration, must develop her trade, especially in certain capital goods, which only the West can supply. Moreover, there have been encouraging signs during the past few months, that the Chinese Communists are eager to trade with the outside world, and that when normal commercial relations can be restored, they will be marked by less irksome restrictions than those which featured post-war trading with the Nationalists. But while British interests

can hope for a square deal from the Peking regime and its provincial administrations, this cannot, at the moment, be taken for granted. Everything will depend on the intentions of the Communists and whether or not they feel they are free to place any interpretation they care on recognition and the mutual undertakings which it implies. To Hongkong shipping concerns, as well as traders, one important question of the moment is whether the Nationalists will be permitted to continue to impose their blockade against British ships. It can be assumed that they will endeavour to prevent our merchantmen from using ports controlled by the recognised Communist Government, and a very clear declaration from the Foreign Office in London regarding the new situation created by recognition will be needed. Nothing short of the fullest protection of British shipping is demanded. Britain's act of extending recognition to the Peking Government naturally arouses speculation as to how soon other Western nations and members of the Commonwealth will follow suit. Expediency, rather than political considerations, is likely to guide a number of countries, and because of this it may be some weeks before France, for example, extends recognition. Mr. Dean Acheson has reiterated that "it is premature" to suggest that the United States should take the same action as Britain, but this, taken in conjunction with his insistence that Formosa must be regarded as part of China, suggests that American recognition will come if and when the island is successfully invaded and captured from the Nationalists. Thereafter a Nationalist Government could exist only in exile and could not expect any official relations with other governments.

THE DANGER

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London, Jan. 6.—Four British Commonwealth nations, Britain, India, Pakistan and Ceylon, have now given full recognition to Mao Tse-tung's Chinese Communist Government.

Others are expected to follow the conference of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers at Colombo, which opens on Monday.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, who signed the British letter according to de jure recognition to Communist China, is on his way to Colombo for the conference.

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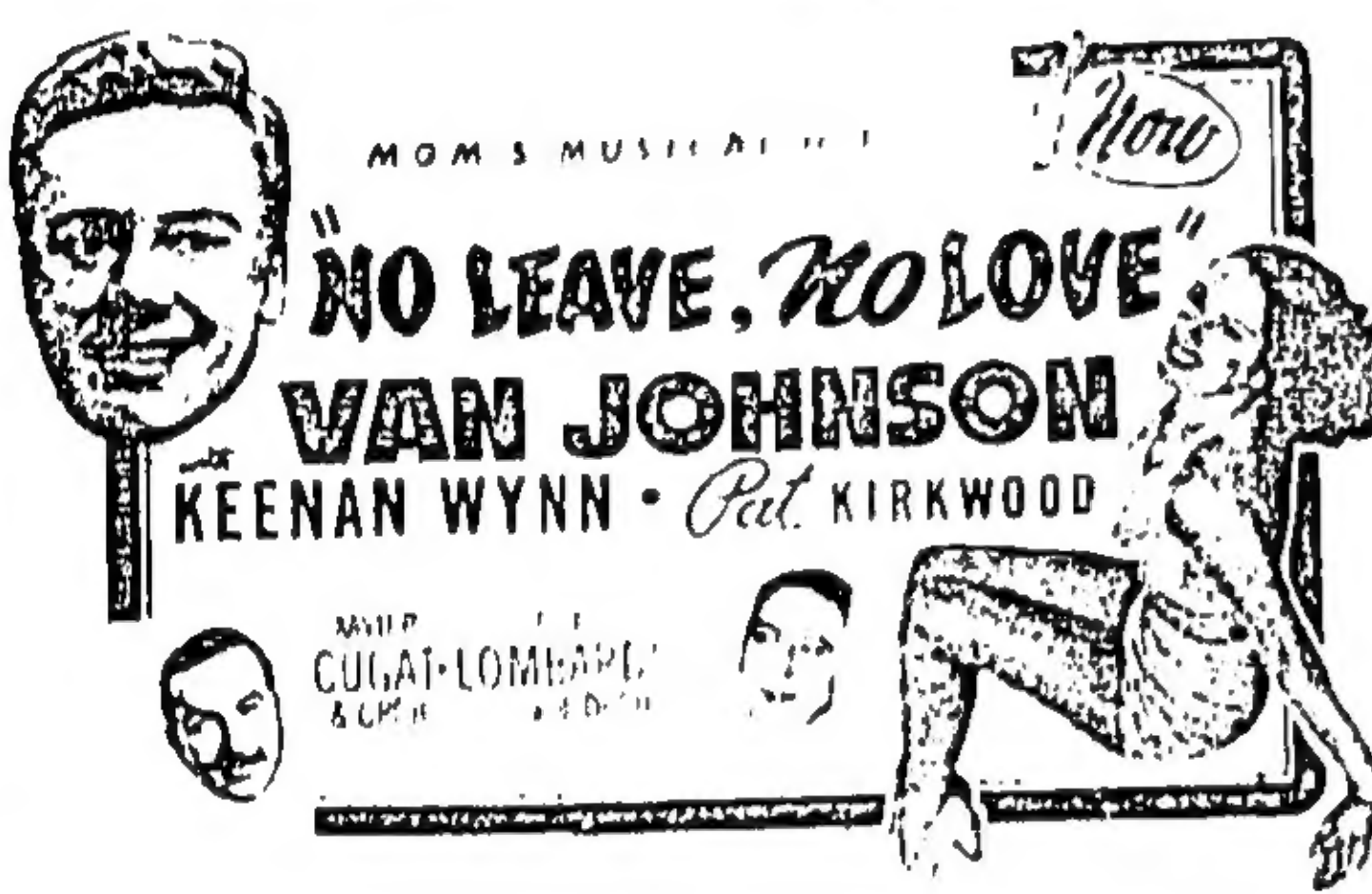
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"KIM" BEFORE THE CAMERAS

Robert Kipling's "Kim," which has been on and off the Metro-Goldwyn Mayer production schedule for twelve years, finally went before the cameras in London last month with the blessing of the new Indian Government, which has apparently decided that British imperialism is now a matter of history.

According to Leon Gordon, Metro producer who is keeping in touch with the Kipling production by cable, the scenario is by the late Rudyard Kipling, who wrote the story in 1901.

The expedition to India, headed by Director Victor Saville, spent four weeks photographing Errol Flynn as the Trenchard-Lane, a British agent, and the film is now in the hands of the British Government, which has decided that the film is a matter of history.

Doublets are also being used for the other chief characters, Harry Baker, Crompton Smith and Langan Smith who are not yet cast. In the screen adaptation, Mr. Gordon added, time has been telescoped so that Kim, aged only a year, but otherwise a majority of Kipling's incidents have been retained, as well as his plot, the only serious deviation being the disposition of the Babu, who survived in the book, but will die on the screen.

AND ISEN
Henry Isen, who will produce the film in New York starting Jan. 18, according to James B. Casady, who will produce the drama independently for Eagle-Lion release.

"Erroneous" Says Bogart

Humphrey Bogart, who is engaged in creating a screen portrait of a manic-depressive scenario writer in "Behind that Mask" at Columbia, commented the other day that there are probably people who will believe the story has some relationship to his own life. This conception, he added, cheerfully, will be erroneous. Screen writers, probably more than anyone else in Hollywood, have reason to be neurotic, he explained, because of what happens to their work after they finish it.

"Actors have their neuroses, too, but this guy, in the story, is a really wild one. I suppose my behavior has deviated from the norm, but, he went on, "my celebrated night club adventures have actually been limited to two incidents—both in the same New York night club, which is a trap." The most recent of the two incidents to which Mr. Bogart referred was an altercation over the destiny of two stuffed pandas which the actor took out for a drink. At any rate, Bogart feels that the celluloid screen writer he is portraying deviates from the norm a great deal farther than he, himself, ever has, since, among other attributes, the character has a penchant for psychopathic violence and is depicted as a potential murderer.



A bunch of flowers at midnight for Gene Tierney from flower-seller Ada Reeve.

FLOWERS AT MIDNIGHT

Already set to appear in it is a New Yorker and the author of "The House of Mirth" and "The Age of Innocence" and June Powell, both of whom have been with the film. The producer, Charles Brackett, is working with Charles Brackett and Paul Lukas on the roles of Tierney and the film is now in the hands of the British Government, which has decided that the film is a matter of history.



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HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP

Joan Nominates Olivia For An 'Oscar'

"I think my sister, Olivia, should, and will, win the academy award this year for her performance in 'The Heiress'." Believe it or not, it's Joan Fontaine speaking. Unfortunately, it's not yet the end of the longtime feud between the two sisters—neither has yet seen the other's child—but at least this is a step in the right direction. Joan, who won an Oscar for "Suspicion" and has been nominated a couple of other times, isn't in the running this year. "But I wouldn't vote for myself, anyway," she says, "I never have before."

Montgomery Clift's friend, Mira Rosovskaya, is wearing an engagement type diamond ring on the proper finger but she denies it's from Monty. What became of their plans to go to some quiet spot and write a screen story after Clift finishes "A Place in the Sun"? He now wants to stay here and sit in with Director George Stevens on the cutting of the picture. This is hard to believe but Irene Dunne says that the scenes she made on the R-K-O ranch for "Come Share My Love" were only the second time she had been on location in her whole career of 38 pictures.

The £100,000 stage-plus-film venture at the Empire, Leicester Square—MGM's ambitious plan to restore the fortunes of the West End's biggest cinema—has begun in spectacular fashion.

In the first two days of the new policy more than 21,000 people have paid for admission (writes Harold Conway). This beats the Empire's Christmas holiday record, set up by "Mutiny on the Bounty" before the war.

I estimate the box-office takings at well over £3000 a day. This kind of money makes the most successful theatre show far behind. If it continues at anything like the same rate, the other big cinema exhibitors will have some urgent policy thinking to do on their own account.

Where does the main credit for this Empire gold rush? The big stage show itself, which runs for 50 minutes four times a day, with a company of 100 dancers, singers and musicians. The ever-popular "Green Girl" on the Empire's "Forsythe Saga" film. Or was it largely due to the Bank Holiday weather?

After 23 years

MGM's London representatives, who are frankly staggered by the extent of their experiments' initial success, do not know the answer. They will have to wait for the end of the holiday period and another picture before the real verdict becomes clear.

What of the opening production, which restores stage performances to the Empire after 23 years?

Guinea pig

Actor with the strangest contract 30-year-old Derrick Penley, who did good work during Sir Laurence Olivier's Old Vic tour of Australia.

Penley has the leading role in a middle-aged knight who "literally disintegrates" before the eyes of the audience. In John Barrington's production of horror, "A Tragedy," at the Little Theatre.

If the play comes to the West End, however, Penley has agreed to drop out—in favour of some box-office star. In return for this self-effacement he will get 10 percent of the author's West End royalties—since it is Penley's performance which is relied on to sell the try-out production.

This arrangement sounds highly illogical to me. If the actor is good enough to launch the play successfully he is surely capable of going on the voyage. Otherwise how are stars to be made?

And the author of this lurid, shock-promising "Tragedy"? He's wisely remaining anonymous until he sees what happens.

(London Express Service)

WEEK-END SCREEN FARE

Little Women (QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA) is another of many film versions of the Louisa May Alcott story. This time it's in technicolor and the little women are June Allyson as Jo, Elizabeth Taylor as Amy, Janet Leigh as Meg and Margaret O'Brien as Beth.

The Street With No Name (ROXY & BROADWAY) is a stock thriller on the FBI v. Gangsterdom. The cast, including Mark Stevens, Richard Widmark, Lloyd Nolan and Barbara Lawrence, is an exceptionally good one.

The Last Days of Dolwyn (LEE) is from a story by Emyln Williams, who also directs the picture and acts in it. Dame Edith Evans, who is starred with Williams, was selected as the best screen actress of 1949 on the strength of her performance in this picture.

Strange Woman (KING'S) is a Great Wall production with a setting in Peking in the period just prior to the historic revolution of 1920.

Non-Chinese cinema fans who have seen some of the Chinese films shown here in the past

few months continue to insist that they were entertained, and the fact is that Chinese film producers are now well past the amateurish stage.

Subjects selected for the screen give a good insight into the panorama of Chinese life and family and national problems. If you have yet to see a Chinese film, this one would be a good start.

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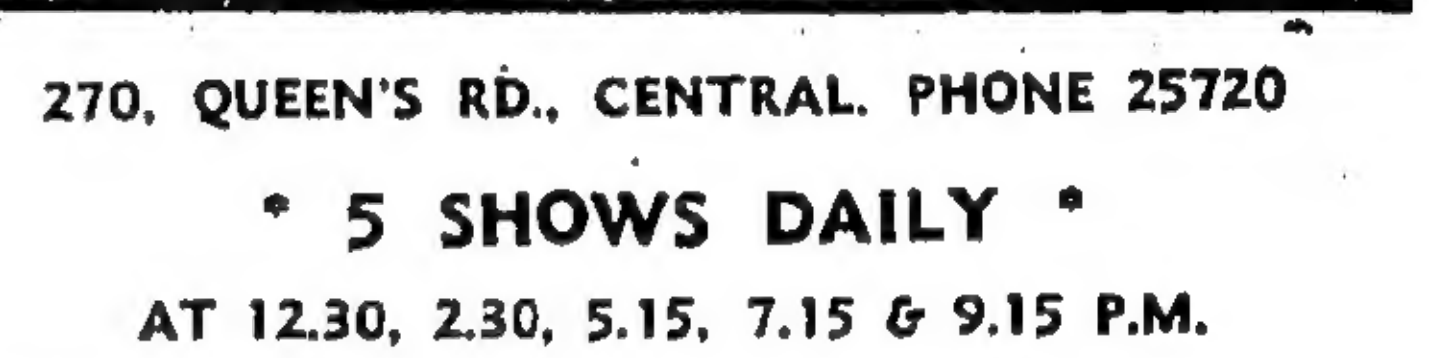
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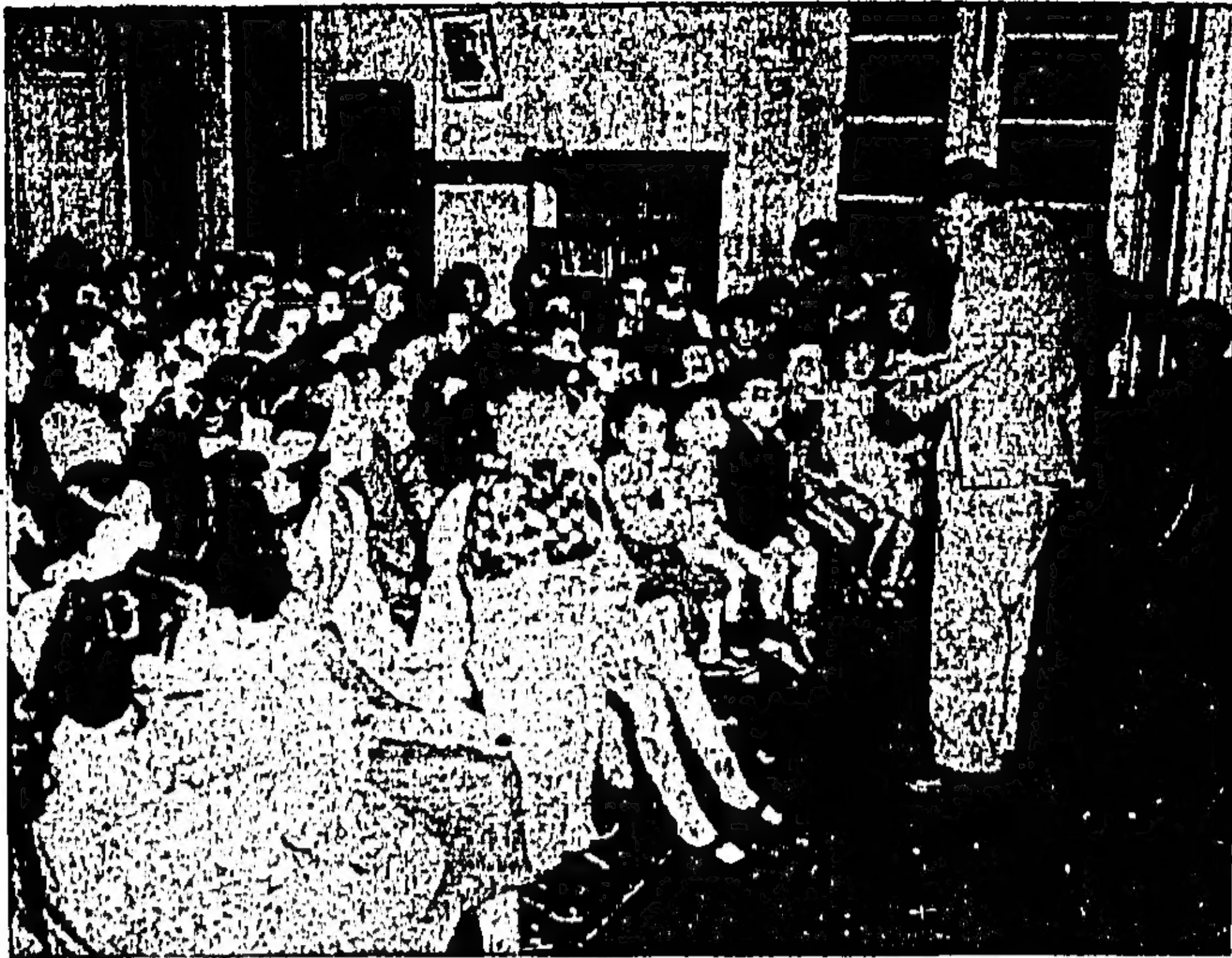


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MR Li Muk-lung keeping the children entertained at the New Year Day party given at the Hongkong University Alumni Association. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



DR V. N. Atienza, President of the Filipino Club, speaking at the Rizal Day concert at the Peninsula Hotel. Below: a Filipino native dance, one of the features of the programme. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR Robert Craig Cooper and Mrs Grace Wright photographed as they left the Union Church after their wedding last week. (Ming Yuen)



MR Colin Ho and Miss Alice Huang leaving the Marriage Registry after their wedding recently. (Francis Wu)

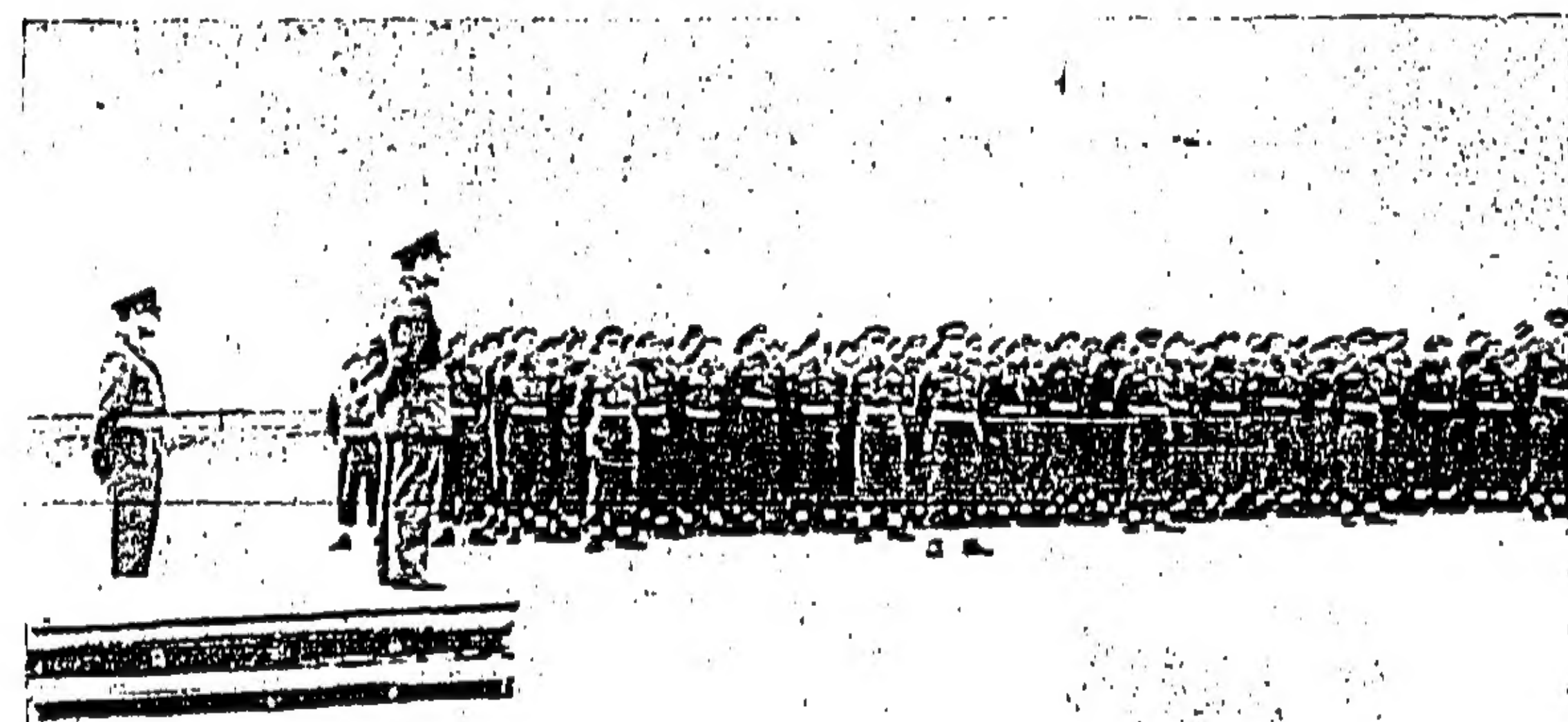


MR S. M. Churn, chairman of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd. (left), making a presentation to Mr E. M. da Rocha, who has retired after 30 years' service with the company.



RIGHT: Picture taken after the wedding of Mr Fall Kermani and Miss Immer Liang. (Ming Yuen)

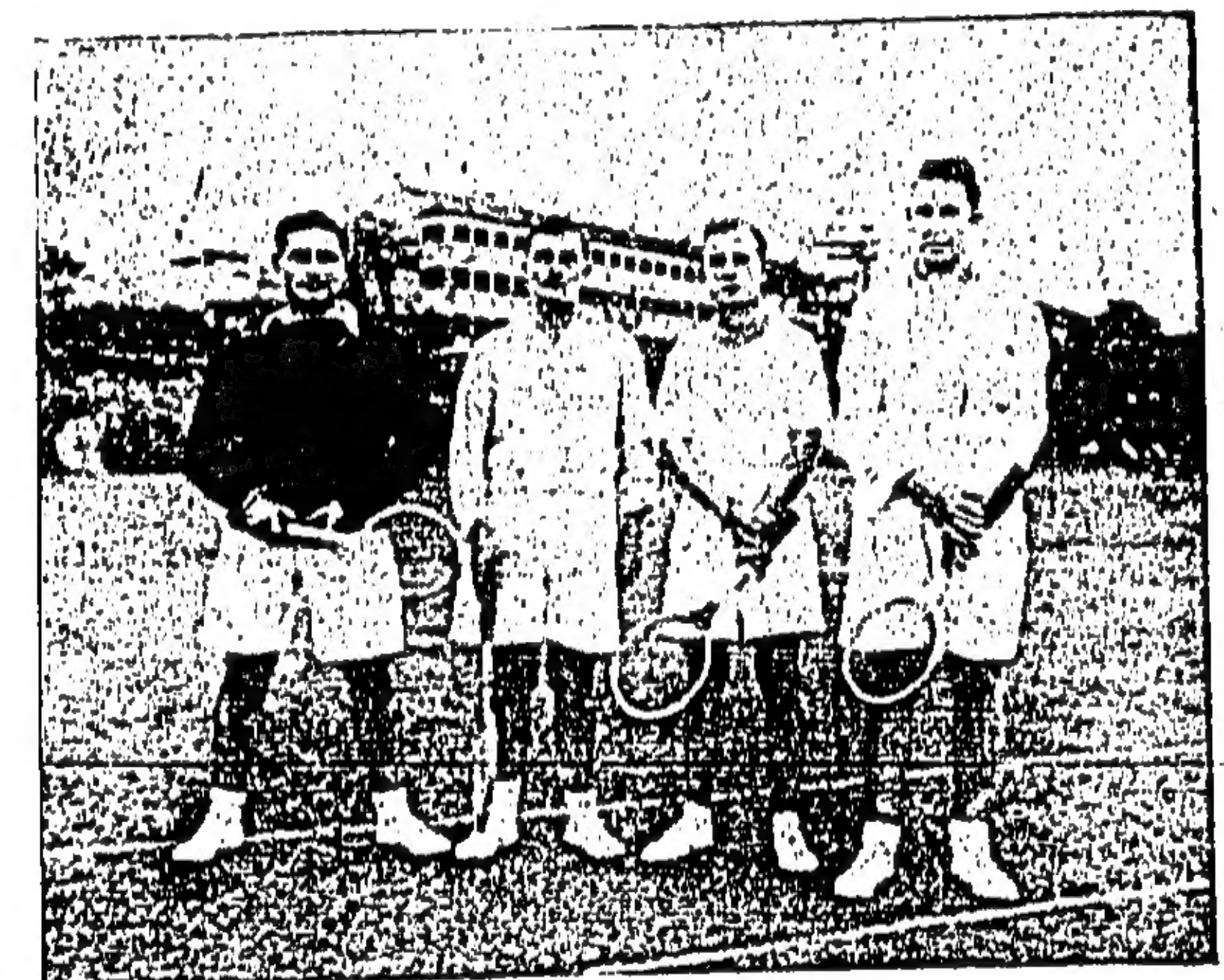
BELOW right: In the Army tennis finals, Lt. Col. Spence and Capt. Turner-Cooke won the doubles championship from Major Mitchell and Capt. Stewart. Lt. Col. Spence is also the singles champion. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



GENERAL Sir John Harding, GOC-in-Chief, Far East Land Forces, addressing men of the 1st Buffs at their farewell parade. The battalion left Hongkong for the Sudan this week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken after the wedding at the Rosary Church on Monday of Mr Herbert James Joseph Spurr and Miss Cecilla Maria dos Passos. (Golden Studio)

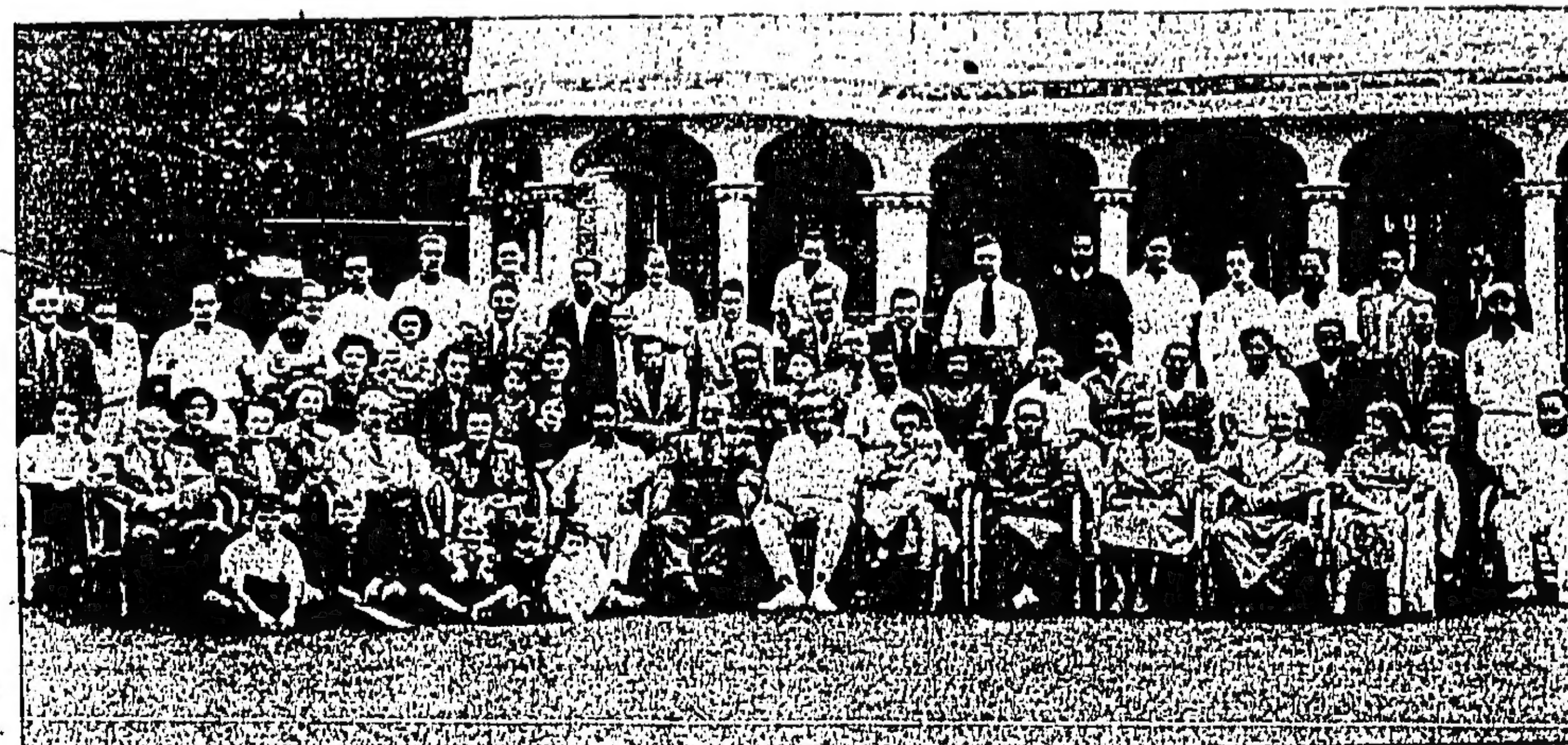


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Seen here is the new short, strapless evening dress of silver brocade with famous Redoute rose design. The skirt folds over in front, and the top has wide sleeves and stand-away collar.

And tonight is a gown, again day into evening coat, worn over a patterned silk dress.

Highlights Of London Spring Shows

THE practical answer to the problem of home dress-making in Britain was provided recently by the Fashion Show of 1950, sponsored jointly by Jacques of London and the Vogue Pattern Service. With fifty odd models ranging from simple day dresses to elegant evening and bridal gowns, the home dressmaker can benefit from the wide experience of a famous fabric house in the selection of exclusive materials, made up from a correctly styled pattern.

Highlights in the Spring 1950 Show are reversible cloths, bordered woollen coatings, combined with matching suit and dress weights, and "separates" which allow various combinations of different materials to be worn together.

Elizabeth Arden of London supplied harmonising make-up for the parade. Buttons, belts and trimmings were by a well-known maker Paris House, shoes by Dolet and Jewellery by Ciro, all of London. The hats in the show were designed and made by Jacques.

This Jacques/Vogue Pattern Fashion Show will begin a tour in the provinces of England in the first week of February 1950.

New Variations On The "Day-Into-Evening" Theme

LONDON. OUTSIDE the dress salons of Mayfair it was a cold, grey day;

but inside, a very different scene. Against a background of pale grey walls and rows of little gilt chairs, Frederick Starke, leader of the London Model House Group, showed us the clothes we shall be wearing in Spring, 1950. I am pleased to be able to tell you that these models are designed with foresight as well as being very beautiful.

The theme underlying the whole collection was the "day-into-evening" idea. For many months now, we have been accustomed to see dresses suddenly shed their tops, suit jackets disappear to reveal sparkling strapless bodices, capes buckle on to make long overskirts and so on. Usually these dresses were in heavy elaborate fabrics, but Frederick Starke showed a number of pure silk prints, in addition to the brocades and satins.

CURRENT TREND

These nearly all followed the current trend of bloused backs, slender skirts, and curved shoulder line. A wide cummerbund sash joined top to skirt, and ensured that no join was visible. The silk dress was pale pink with a traced grey motif design; another was floral, in pink, white and cerise shades. This is the first time since the war that pure silk has been used so lavishly in a collection, and its return is greatly welcomed. The strapless tops of these dresses were beautifully folded and draped.

Grograin coats were the most outstanding feature of the show. They are intended for use as day or evening coats, and the line is a simple one, with back fullness, collar which stands up or lies flat and wide cuffed sleeves. There was a magnificent range of colours—scarlet, emerald, chartreuse, ice-cream, black and navy. Illustrated in one of these coats, worn over a patterned silk strapless dress. The most striking evening ensemble was the emerald green coat worn over a pearl grey shawl evening dress, cut on the lines of a ballet-dancer's skirt. Masses of silvery-grey net petticoats gave "body" to the skirt, and the top was strapless.

POCKET NOTE

The line used for a tiny white cotton jacket was carried out on several dresses. This jacket had high curving pockets—almost shoulder height—

which jutted forward. If all else failed, you could use the pockets to carry your belongings in, for they were very ample! The jacket was worn over a navy and white dress. Another break-away from the traditional line was seen in a short, strapless evening dress made of silver brocade with the famous Redoute rose design. The skirt folds over in front, and the top has wide sleeves and a collar which is deliberately intended to stand away from the neck. (Illustrated).

Nearly all collars, whether on coats, suits or dresses, stood up at the back or folded down deeply, and where there were revers, they jutted out in front. Most suit skirts had two "flat pleats" at the back to give walking space. Large patch pockets were seen on several dresses.

Points which aroused interest: Odd gloves worn with a mustard dress—one tangerine, the other mustard; a full basque of unpressed pleats, which belted on to a short-sleeved pale blue, bloused-back dress, transforming it into a suit; Accordion-pleating which fanned out in panels from the sides of a dress (There were mock buttons and button-holes down the sides); Fine lightweight crepe, tweeds and lambswool cloths in clear pastel shades; Large loose collar of white pique tucked into a dark suit (rather like a napkin); Three-quarter sleeves on a suit which allowed long gloves to be worn wrinkled up fashionably; A huge pique bow like white paper on the hip of a navy dress; A variation of the mermaid line cascading from a full basque; Floating panels which crossed at the back to form the popular "scissors" line.

SHEDDING OFF

The show finished in the usual way—with a wedding dress. This one, to our surprise, boasted a high Medici collar and long, o'mutton sleeves. From the waist a billowing double net overskirt floated behind. The tiny cap she wore reminded us of a milk-cover (possibly because it was hung with pearl drops). Naturally, as soon as the model had walked up and down once, with a suitably chastened expression on her face, she began a striptease act. Off came the bodice, cap, and overskirt. Result—an infinitely more pleasing evening dress with fringes of pearls hanging from the strapless bodice, and a tight wrapped skirt. Again, we wondered whether the designer thought of an attractive evening dress first, and added the wedding finery as an afterthought.

SIMON MASSEY, another model house designer, showed a collection of fine tailored suits and coats today. He has stubbornly kept his skirts slightly longer than most of the other designers, and as they are light-fitting, the effect is flattering. The main fabrics were barthea and gaberdine. All their originality lies in unusual treatment of pockets and revers—because here was a collection of classic suits. The belted line has been left to other designers.

WORTH A MENTION

1. Black barthea suit, consisting of light skirt (pressed like a man's trousers in front), and tiny fitting mess jacket. Over this hung a full-length cloak, slung back to show a lemon lining. (This was aptly named "Sandeman"—after the sherry advertisement, depicting the silhouette of a Spaniard in a cloak).

2. A navy cloth coat with plain silver buttons called "Ensign." It was worn over a suit of navy and white—the jacket was chalk-white with the same silver buttons, and the skirt was navy blue. An additional skirt in white formed part of the ensemble.

3. The show finished with a sailor and a sailor. The "sailor" a black loose three-quarter coat with deep hooded shawl collar completely lined with white. (The whole thing being reversible) worn over a black suit. The "sailor" a loose three-quarter check coat worn over a check suit (Grey/white/black). The reversible lining to the coat was in yet another check.

4. A huge bertha collar which was detachable from a plain tailored coat.

SERPENTINE



Idea for an ankle ornament: a twining serpent high-lighted with brilliants. (London Express Service)



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At any price, pearls real, pearls cultured or pearls artificial are the jewels of 1949/50, and at the DBO Ball at Earl's Court, London, film star Valerie Hobson struck a new note by wearing her pearl necklace back to front.

Beauty Reminder

EVERY enthusiastic beauty-quester and what woman isn't? should keep her eye peeled on the future. Just because one's face is velvet smooth, with not a sign of a wrinkle or crease, is not proof that it is going to stay that way. Premature wrinkles can come over night. But they will not play that mean trick on you if you attend to your good looks chores.

Use cream lavishly, persistently and correctly. The well lubricated skin is the one that endures right along through the years. Whenever you see a gay, youthful-looking old girl you can know that she has an early start with beauty methods, has always been on close, friendly terms with the cosmetic kit.

REMOVE make-up with a thin Remolient. Then remove cream with tissues and wash face thoroughly. Be fussy about the soap you use. Most toilet soaps are high grade nowadays, but the one that agrees best with the complexion of the woman next door may not be the happiest choice for you. Rinse away every bit of lather with

warm water. Then dash on cold to excite the blood streams and to give the flesh a fresh, youthful colour.

Never apply soap suds just before going out of doors or immediately after coming in.

After a gentle drying, use a foundation cosmetic, if that is your habit, then on with the fragrant powder.

At bed time you should do a little wrinkle-preventing work. The cream should be heavier to offer resistance to your fingers. It is not only the cream, but the friction that keeps the surface smooth. Massage strengthens the underlying fibres.

Do your face slap, all over your face. Use flattened fingers at times, then the ends of the fingers, pounding as if they were little hammers. Be gentle around your eyes where the tissues are soft and delicate. Do circles over your forehead, but not on your cheeks.

THIS is the time of year when you must weather-proof your complexion. It may be suffering from the mid-season blues. It may lack colouring, it may look sallow. It may easily develop a rough surface. It needs special coddling. You may not be using enough cream to overcome the havoc wrought by crisp winds that seem to take the hide right off your face. If the epidermal coat is excessively dry, use cream after every face washing. Let it remain on over night. The flesh will lap it up as a kitten laps up cream. A creamy foundation will act as a protective agent against the elements. Because most women get no out door exercise during the winter season, circulation slows up. Slower circulation may mean that the tiny tissue cells of the face aren't getting enough nourishment. Drink plenty of water. Some skins dry out and a freer intake of water will help correct this condition. A glassful before breakfast, one between meals, one at bed time.

—By Helen Follett

Watch Out For These Colours

SPRING colours are based on hair tones—"Blonde," a peachy beige—"Auburn," light reddish brown.

Pale beige tones are coming up strongly for spring. They are wanted in all types of fabrics, ranging from the smooth gabardines and tricotines to the highly-textured boucle and tweed coatings.

Muted pastels give every indication of developing into a big fashion. Early favourites are banana yellows, almond greens, flower pinks with beige cast, mauve blues, lilac, and orchid tones, the last included but not expected to be as big as this past summer.

Wood rose shades return into prominence with the influence of beige and tan on all colours. These are the same tones as the bold rose which were so popular in the 1920s.

What, No Look?

TOP London dress designers are hoping that devaluation will bring them record dollar business when they stage their Export Shows the last week in January.

Besides the obvious incentive of devaluation, the Big Ten designers have all agreed not to let their prices rise this season, and not to impose their £50 deposit for non-purchasing buyers until the July Collections.

Buyers have already accepted invitations from New York, Cincinnati, Seattle, Washington, Chicago, Canada and Australia.

A young American dress designer, Thomas F. Bragance, passing through London textile buying on his way to Paris and Spain, has some heartening things to say about British materials.

"Such subtle colourings... lovely designs... beautiful weaves... it is amazing what advances have been made in the face of so many difficulties." And textile manufacturers



by
Eileen Lavett

receive their share of praise too. "Disarmingly co-operative, willing and kind."

He promises to urge other American designers to come over and "see for themselves."

Shoddy goods

QUALITY in the gift department is high, particularly in toys, clothing and glass. Household goods seem to be the chief offenders. They cost much more, last a shorter time, and reveal their blemishes with indecent haste.

All too recent examples in my own kitchen include an 18s. 9d. aluminium coffee percolator with a loose, unsafe handle within two weeks, a chromolux-plated toaster already revealing imperfections in the plating, and a set of dish cloths rapidly unravelling themselves back to their original yarn (price 1s. 6d. each).

Only way to counteract this increasing shoddiness of household goods is to take the goods back each time to the store of purchase, and show them to the

buyer, even if he cannot replace them. The more protests passed on to the manufacturer the more quickly he will realise that he must improve his product.

Fashion club

A SERIES of Little Boutique salons attached to the big provincial stores is planned by a London designer for the spring. An all-fashion industry club, opening in Brook Street in 1950, will provide a dining and winning rendezvous for buyers, designers and all manufacturers connected with the fashion world.

Star utility seem to be a "Little Boy Suit" in clerical grey flannel with a tartan short-sleeved under-jacket, which makes a separate suit.

Navy blue is the latest news from Paris for foundation belts and bras. One enterprising manufacturer is already making them in London with the new "plunging" line.

No Look

AMERICAN women are falling for the flat-chested silhouette of the flapper era, introduced by French designers in New York. It is known as the "No Look."

—(London Express Service)

PRACTICAL HOMECRAFT

The Remodelled Kitchen Did It

By MARION CLYDE MCCARROLL

THIS is the real story of a real home-maker.

It seems that, while the home-maker had most of the modern labour-saving kitchen equipment and appliances—dish washer, range, refrigerator, coffee maker, mixer, sandwich grill, etc.—she still lacked an efficiently convenient kitchen. The kitchen she had was 10 feet long and 8½ feet wide, and the old-fashioned, haphazard arrangement of things made her walk the entire 10 feet every time she wanted to take something out of the refrigerator and carry it to the sink.



Remodelling the kitchen would, they knew, be expensive business. But they figured that if the husband did all the construction work himself, except for plumbing and wiring jobs, costs could be held to a minimum.

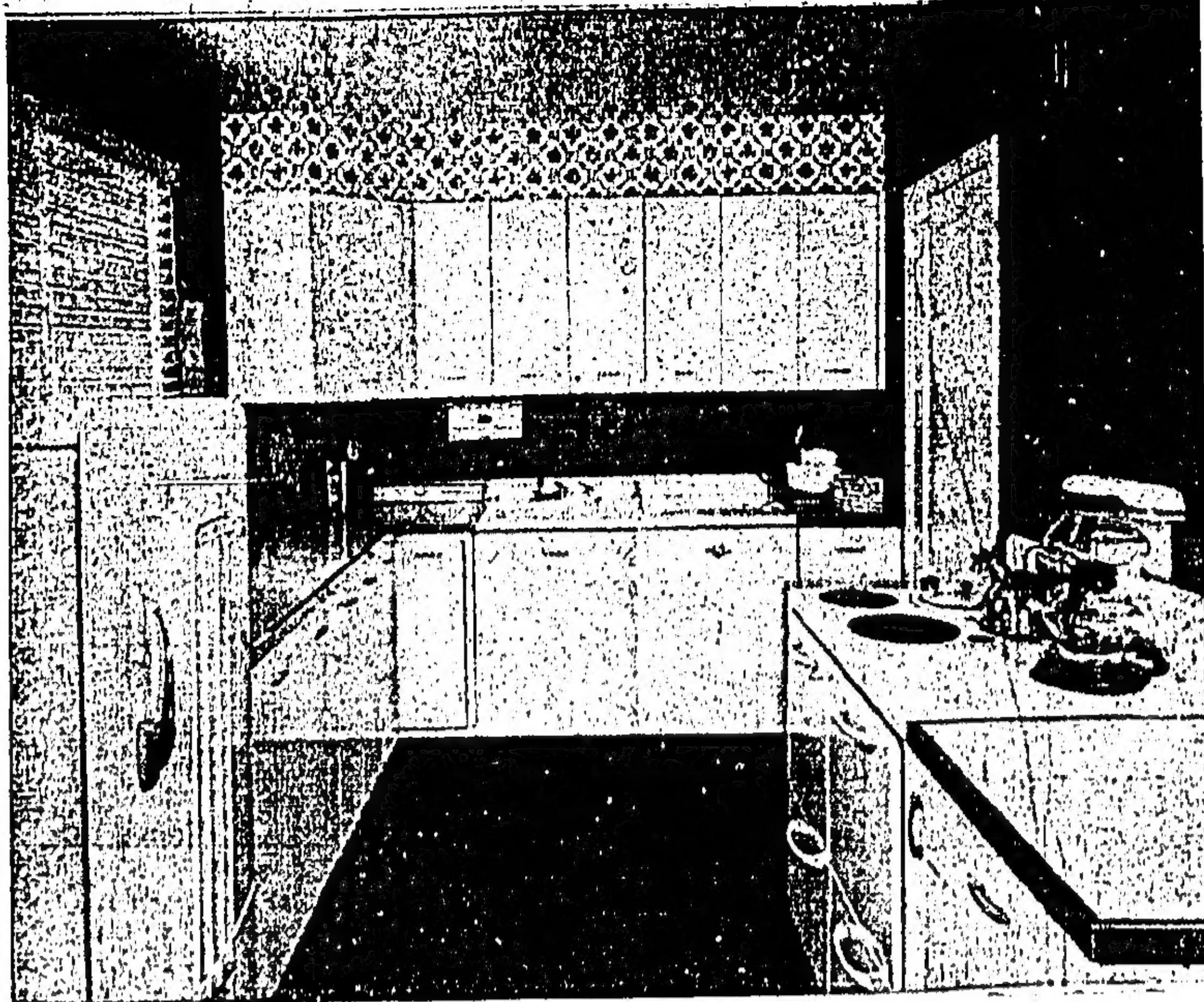
On that basis, they set to work.

The result you see in the top picture.

Re-arrangement of some of the equipment, plus the "first use" method of storage, meaning storing materials and equipment in that part of the kitchen where they are first used, plus planned styling from a decorative point of view produced the efficient and attractive kitchen the home-maker wanted.

Some of the special features:

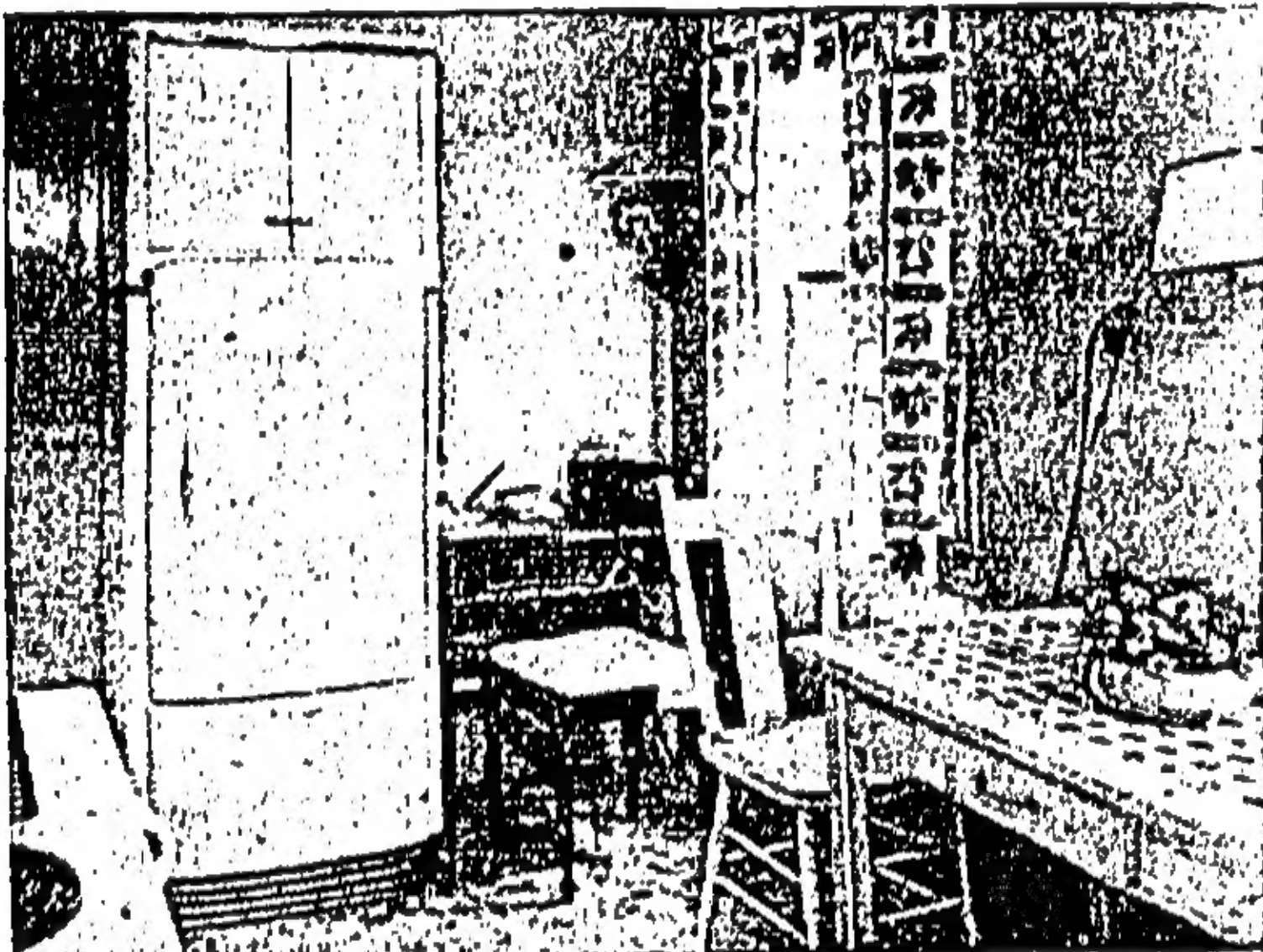
Handy husband installed a large Susan rotating shelf base cabinet for storing working utensils first used in meal preparation near sink or refrigerator; a steel cabinet next to the sink, a knife drawer, a tray compartment, a recessed flower



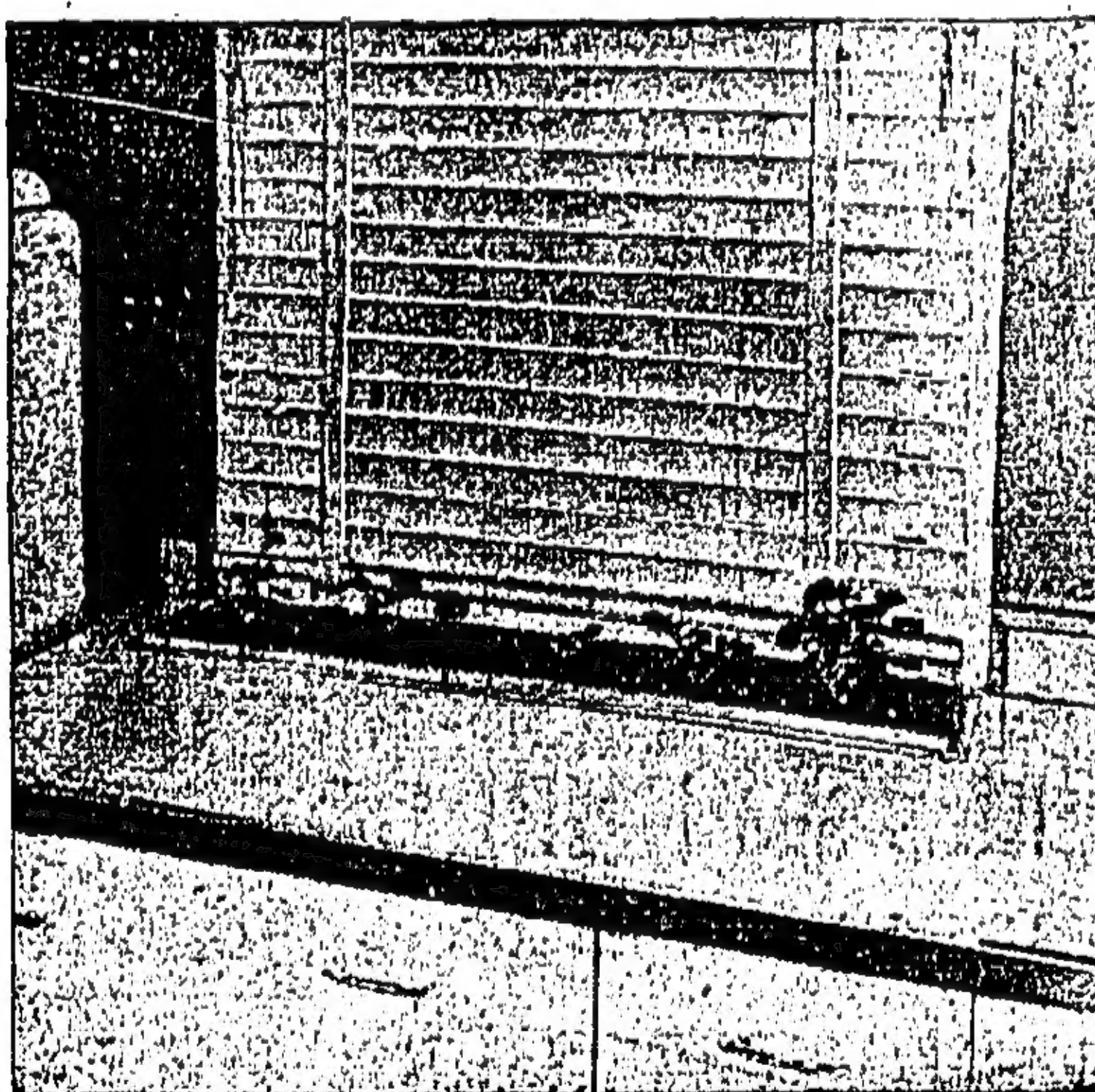
WHAT HOME-MAKER WOULDN'T ENJOY working in this attractive and step-saving kitchen? The lucky woman who owned it, though, wasn't always so fortunate. For years, she got along with the old-fashioned one below.

container to overcome the problem of a low window that interfered with counter surface, also shown.

Plastic work surfaces in a grey "cross current" pattern go well with the white woodwork and ceiling, and the red marbled linoleum on the floor.



HERE'S WHAT SHE AND her husband had to start with, when they decided to re-arrange and restyle their old kitchen along efficient modern lines.



THE PROBLEM OF A window whose sill would fall below counter surface was solved by installing a recessed flower box, gay with red geraniums.



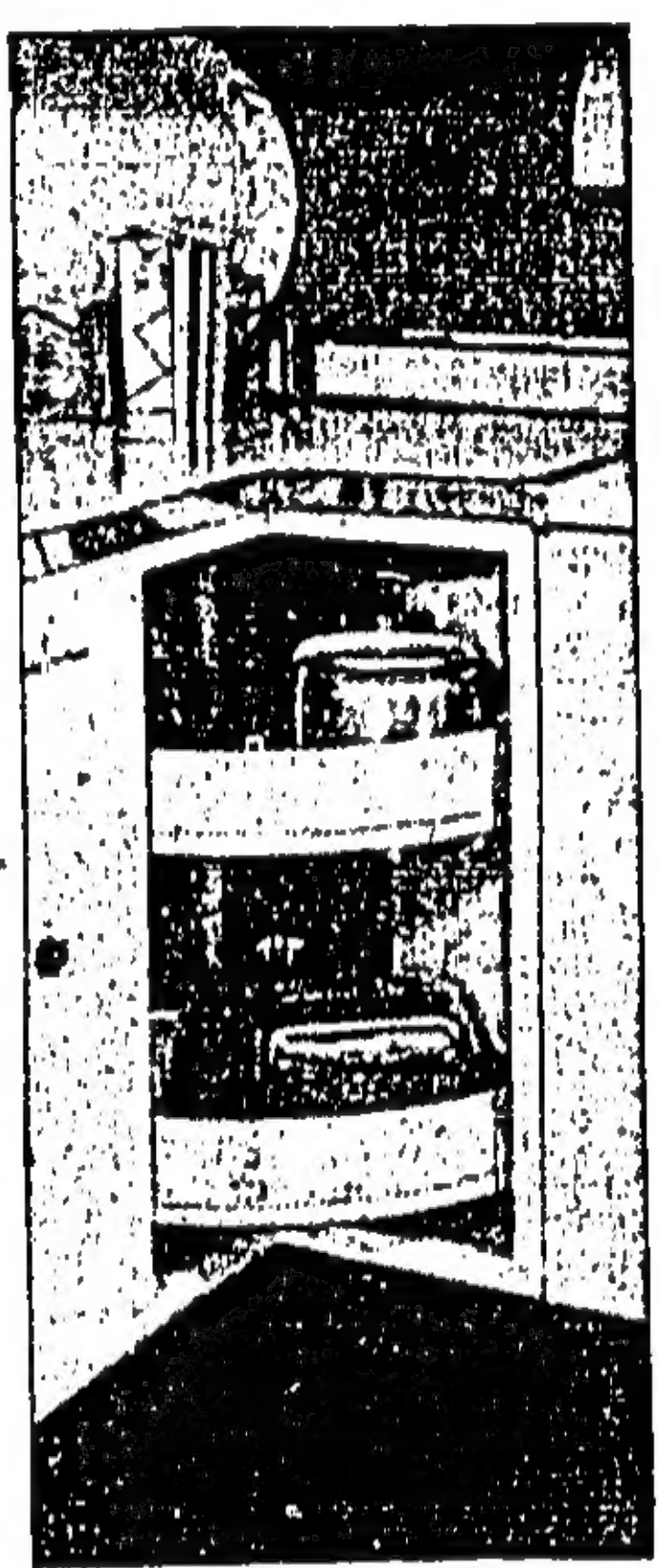
A DRAWER TO MAKE knives safer to store, and easier to get at, and a tray compartment were some new ideas.

Household Hints

Use of an oil polish on lacquered furniture will sometimes produce a gray-blue bloom. Wax is preferred over an oil polish for this type of furniture, but use it sparingly.

A small box of sterilized cotton balls is a good travelling companion. You can use it to apply lotion to baby's body, cleaning his ears, eyes, nose and for general care. The balls are handy for applying antiseptics, in caring for finger nails, and applying lotions, and make-up, and for a number of other uses, and the package takes up little room in your travelling bags.

Apply wax on linoleum or asphalt tile in several thin coats with intervals between. This procedure permits evaporation of any moisture in the wax. A hard surface will form more quickly and prevent dirt and normal wear from reaching the floor covering.



A LAZY SUSAN UNIT in a base cabinet provided easy-to-reach storage space for that often-used equipment.

How To Insert Slide Fasteners

By ELEANOR ROSS

TIME and time again we are told that making a dress, a slipcover is a cinch, all but inserting the slide fastener. Somehow, say the ladies, the manufacturer's instructions are good as they are, don't seem to suffice.

We have an idea, though, that too many of us aren't particular enough to choose absolutely the right zipper for the purpose. An ordinary dress or skirt zipper won't do for a handbag compartment, and the separating zipper must be the proper weight, too. The latter come in light and heavy weight for windbreakers, work clothes, ski jackets.

For Light Fabrics

For an ordinary zipper, sheer lightweight fabrics should be eased slightly when stitched to a zipper. Hold the fastener taut as it is pinned or basted to the fabric. Reinforce thin fabrics with seam tape instead of self material for facing, thus giving more body to the fabric. This will let the fastener lie flat.

Fabrics such as wool jersey, so popular right now, have a tendency to give. So never stretch wool jersey into a zipper. Use a muslin facing to help eliminate stretching. For fabrics like velvet, best results are obtained by hand-stitching the zipper to the garment.

Leave an 8-inch opening for a 7-inch zipper, to allow for seam and for ease in sewing to the fabric. Always fit garment before inserting zipper. Work from the bottom of the placket up, when pinning and basting. Pin at right angles to fastener; then the pinning is firmer, more accurate and there is less danger of "puckering" and pins can be easily removed while machine is stitching. Stitch close to zipper chain so that needle does not touch the metal part, and the ends of machine stitching after each step.

Encouragement For Hen-Pecked Husbies

HOLLYWOOD—Regardless of what some hen-pecked husbands may think, a woman's voice can play out.

Janis Carter was required to shriek and shout at Laraine Day in a very dramatic scene for RKO Radio's "I Married a Communist." At the start of the fourth take, Janis lost her voice and couldn't even whisper.

Janis fell back on the "singer's salvation" of her days as a Broadway vocalist. This remedy consists of silence plus frequent applications of hot tea with lots of lemon. In the meantime Director Robert Stevenson shot around her and about an hour and a half later Janis' voice returned and she was able to resume work.

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Hollywood—Jane Russell, sultry star of Howard Hughes' "Outlaw," and her husband, Bob Waterfield, professional football star, have their own design for living.

Though Jane has made three pictures, "The Paleface," "Montana Belle" and "It's Only Money," during the past year, she finds time to share many interests with him.

They frequently pack camping equipment into the High Sierra on fishing and hunting junkies.

GARDEN TALK

By BOB SCHARFF

DON'T forget about your garden, for now is the time to protect and prepare it for the coming spring.

Spading is best for ground you expect to use in spring for annuals or vegetables. The winter cold will break up the clods and leave the soil in the best condition for seed sowing. Insects exposed to the cold will be killed.

To have less plant diseases and fewer insects, cut the old stems of your perennials back to the ground. Then lay loose, springy mulch over the entire bed as insulation against climatic changes. Use hay, straw, and leaves for the mulch. Hold it down in windy areas by stakes, branches or chicken wire.

Cover stems of climbing roses with top soil after trimming and tying stems as flat as possible. Tying the sharpest, hands with rolled sod to prevent breaks in their stems. Wisteria, ivy, pink and chrysanthemums need protection against rabbits. Use screen wire pushed in the ground and cover the lower three feet of each plant or vine.

Newly set trees need the help provided by guy wires to resist winter winds, and all trees need protection against raids by bark-hungry mice and rabbits. Push screen or wire netting two inches into the soil to foil attempts at an underground attack by the pests.



Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

If You Must Count Calories

"MADAME, since you have given me the secret of pie made with the real authentic American style piecrust, I have become an enthusiastic convert. Never did I think there would be a rival in my gastronomic affections to the French pastry. But I must admit that the American pie has done something to me."

"Yes, I've noticed that, Chef." "Oh, you mean the avoid-polit! That's what I wanted to talk with you about, Madame. Is it possible to eat the pie and keep the waist-line from spreading?"

Nutritive Value

"Yes, provided you count the calories, or nutritive value as part of your normal daily diet, and cut down the intake of other fats, sugars and starches correspondingly that day. Most of us don't realize how many calories go into a pie. As you know, Chef, for a 9" covered apple pie, you need for the crust 2 cups of flour, that's about 800 calories, and ½ cup shortening, which is about 1000 calories."

"Oh, in la, Madame! Already in the crust there are more than 2000 calories!"

"Then add the filling, say six apples and a cup of sugar, and you add about a thousand more. So, if you cut a covered 9" pie into eight wedges, you get more than 400 calories in a single portion."

"But I have a suggestion, Madame. Suppose we make this into a one-crust pie, or a deep dish pie, and use a little less sugar."

"That would help considerably. All fruit pies can be made with one-crust, and so can all kinds of custard pie, and pumpkin pie."

"Now we're getting somewhere," remarked the Chef. "In the case of custard pie we use only one crust, 2/3 less sugar than we do in fruit pies, and the eggs and milk in the filling supply some of the protein calories, which are needed in all reducing diets. If custard pie is eaten in a meal when the meat or fish portion is small, and the protein therefore needs building up, the eggs and milk will help out. On the other hand, a chiffon and Bavarian pies made and topped with whipped cream in addition to the sugar content and the pie crust, are extremely high in calories. For instance, consider the following meal: Chopped spinach soup, a chopped beef patty on toast, string beans, carrots, lettuce and tomato salad; fresh fruit cocktail and coffee. One single good-sized portion of a chiffon or Bavarian pie contains as many calories as this whole meal."

Mince-meat Pie

"I would not have thought it possible, Madame. But how about the mince-meat pie? That, at least, has protein calories." "Not many, Chef. I'm sorry to disappoint you, but a piece of genuine two-crust mince pie, because of the suet used in the

filling, packs just as much of a caloric punch as a piece of chiffon or Bavarian pie."

The Chef heaved a long sigh. "Then it seems that I must confine myself to the testing and tasting of these pies."

"A good idea, Chef, if there's more testing than tasting!"

"But Madame, shall the great public be denied the gastronomic joys of pie?"

"By no means, Chef. After all, less than a third of our population is over-weight. Pie will continue as our great American dessert. But we must remember that it is a substantial food, not merely an accessory."

Dinner

Corn Cream Soup Croutons
Roast Codfish with Caper Sauce
Diced Buttered Squash
Green Beans

Crisp-Cross Apricot Pie
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
Include enriched bread or rolls with butter or margarine.
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Recipes Serve Four

Roast Codfish with Caper Sauce

Order a 2½ to 3 lb codfish dressed for roasting. Wash thoroughly. Drain. Dust with salt and pepper and fill sparingly with well-seasoned bread stuffing, making it smooth at the open edge. Do not sew the fish together. Gush the skin on the back so it will not crack in cooking. Transfer to a baking pan lined with a piece of heavy waxed paper or aluminum foil, pour enough so it stands up on each end, so the fish can be easily lifted out and transferred to the platter. Dot the fish with margarine or shortening, or place small thin slices of salt pork along the back. Roast in a moderate oven, 350° F. When the skin begins to turn colour, add a little water to the bottom of the pan or use liquid drained from cooked vegetables. Baste and the eggs and milk in the filling supply some of the protein calories, which are needed in all reducing diets. If custard pie is eaten in a meal when the meat or fish portion is small, and the protein therefore needs building up, the eggs and milk will help out. On the other hand, a chiffon and Bavarian pies made and topped with whipped cream in addition to the sugar content and the pie crust, are extremely high in calories. For instance, consider the following meal: Chopped spinach soup, a chopped beef patty on toast, string beans, carrots, lettuce and tomato salad; fresh fruit cocktail and coffee. One single good-sized portion of a chiffon or Bavarian pie contains as many calories as this whole meal."

Caper Sauce: Measure 1¼ c. hot water into a small sauce pan. Add 3 tbsp. capers and ½ tsp. lemon juice. Blend ¼ tsp. butter or margarine and ¼ tsp. cornstarch. Add a little of the boiling liquid. Stir until smooth. Return to the cooking sauce, and cook and stir until boiling all over. Season to taste with salt and pepper. If desired 1/3 c. chopped raw celery may be added.

Crisp-Cross Apricot Pie

Prepare plain pie pastry or use a mix. Roll to ¼" thickness and line a 9" pie plate with it. Then combine 2¼ c. well-sweetened stewed apricots with the grated rind, ¼ lemon and 2 tsp. quick-cooking tapioca. Transfer to the crust-lined plate. Arrange crisp-cross strips of pastry on top. Do not fit them on tight; they should not be stretched. Then press them into the piecrust at the edges. Bake in a hot oven 400° F from 30-35 min. Serve cold.

Trick of the Chef

To give a continental flavour to crisp-cross apricot pie, add 1/3 c. fine-chopped blanched almonds to the apricot filling.



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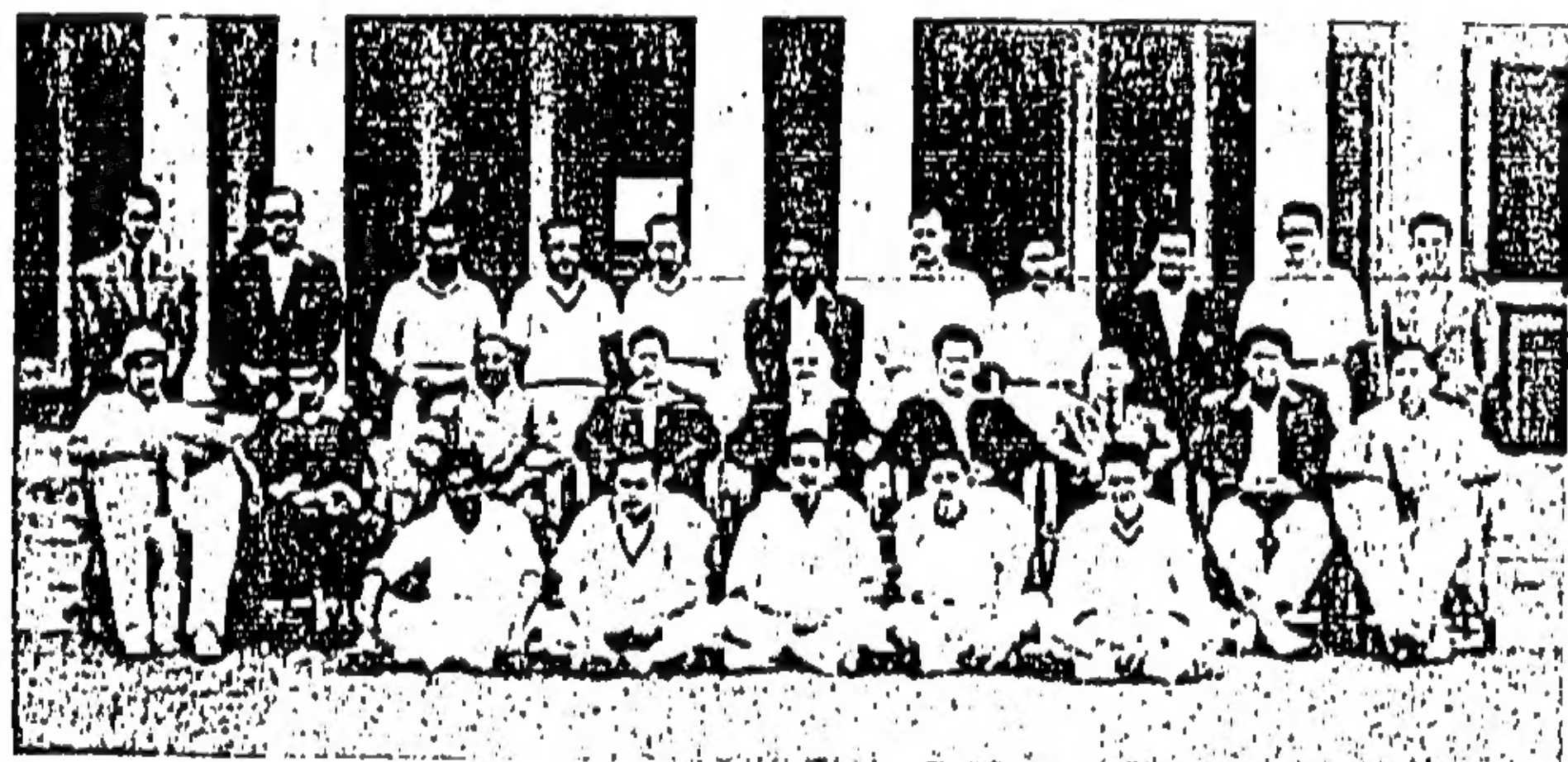
MEMBERS of the Square Club and their families were guests of Mr and Mrs R. C. Lee at a Christmas party at their residence in Kennedy Road. (Jimmy Foo)



LEFT: Picture taken on the occasion of the christening of Robert Gerald, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Choo. (Ming Yuen)



GROUP picture taken on the occasion of the visit by Lady Grantham to the new Hongkong Central Hospital. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



THOSE who played in the annual Hongkong University Past v. Present cricket match. (Ming Yuen)



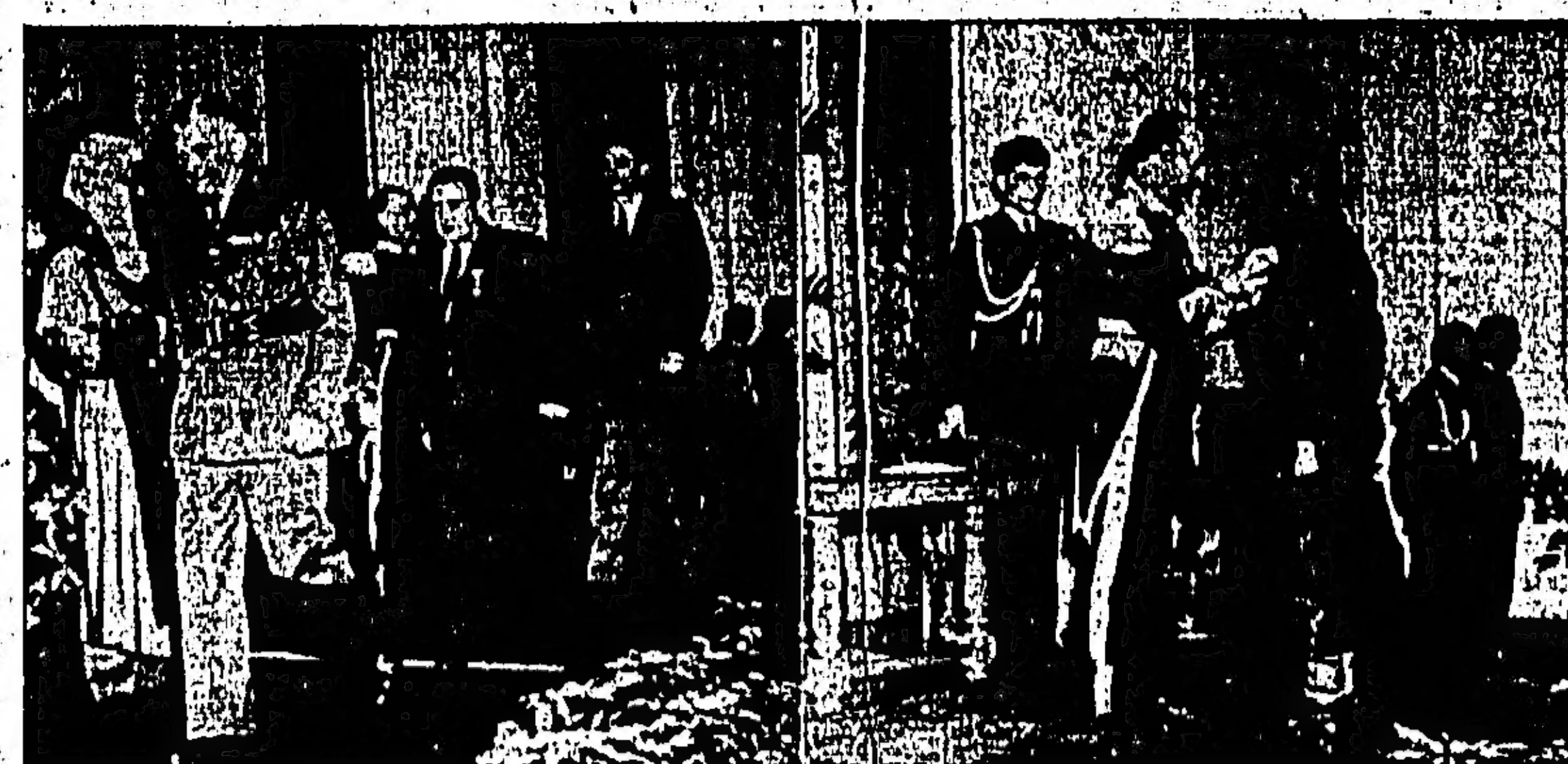
DR Paul Renardel de Lavalette, Vice-Consul for the Netherlands, has been transferred to the Legation at Bangkok, and will shortly be leaving the Colony. Dr and Mrs de Lavalette (second and fourth from left) are here pictured at a party given in their honour on Tuesday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



A group of Girl Guides who attended the fancy dress dance held recently at St Andrew's Church Hall. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR Thomas Soong and his bride, formerly Miss Helena Tso, seen with the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs C. W. Tso. The wedding took place on New Year's Day at St Margaret's Church.



AT last week's presentation of Insignia at Government House. Upper left: Major G. D. Jack leaving the dais with his sponsors after receiving the MBE (Military). Upper right: Jamadar Balbahadur Limbu receiving the MM. Lower left: Mr G. D. Binstead, who received the MBE. Lower right: Mr Law Yan-pak, who was presented with the OBE. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

RIGHT: One of the races in progress at the annual children's sports at the Kowloon Cricket Club. (Ming Yuen)

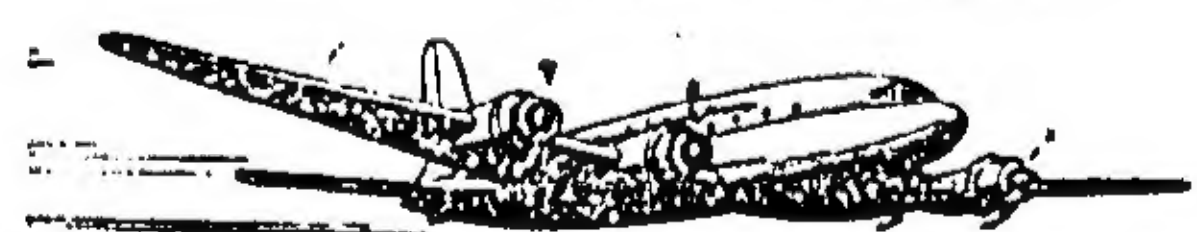


BELOW: Some of the children who attended the annual New Year's Day party at the Police Recreation Club. (Ming Yuen)



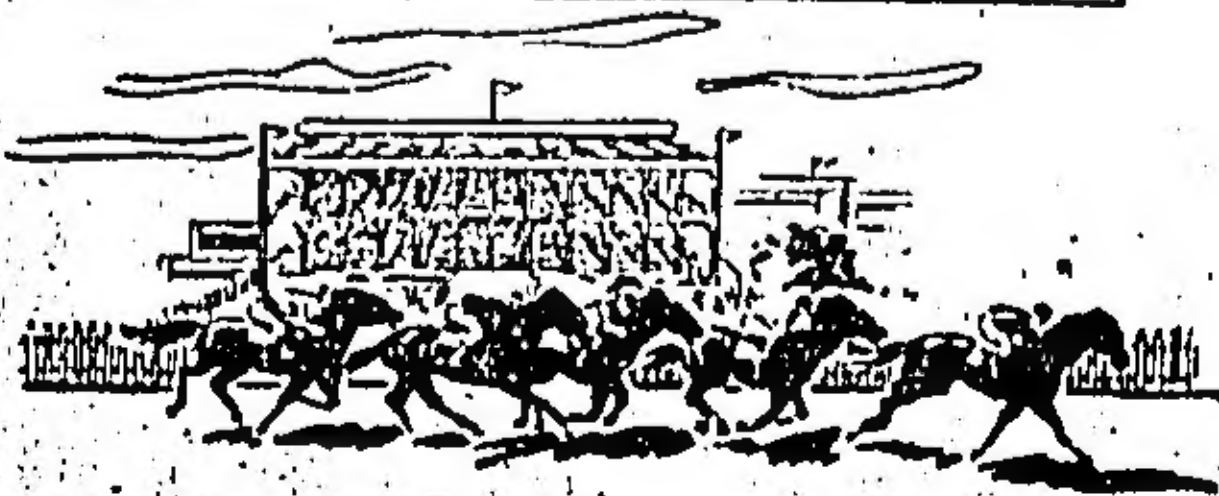
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FOUR pictures taken at the New Year's Eve dance at the Kowloon Cricket Club, which was a very merry affair. Above on the right is Mrs Liza Benjamin, who entertained with dances during the evening. (Telegraph Staff Photographer and Golden Studio)

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SAINTS MEET SAINTS IN CRUCIAL SENIOR LEAGUE TUSSLE

BY "STARDUST"

January is a crucial month for tired teams fighting feverishly for final positions in the flag race. The spotlight will be on the Senior Loop in which at least eight teams still have a mathematical chance of qualifying for a play-off spot. The outcome of every game at this late stage of the season will have an important bearing on the ultimate standings.

John Q. Fan will be treated to several topnotch tussles this week when some of the leading clubs clash in crucial fixtures. St. Joseph's, still undefeated in seven starts, tangle with the unpredictable St. Teresa's contingent in tomorrow's needle encounter.

It will be the acid test for St. Teresa's, who are currently holding on by a hairbreadth to a slim possibility of getting into the qualifying final while the Pikes will endeavour to oust the Madcaps from the flag race in an afternoon meeting.

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JOEYS IN FULL FORCE

The St. Joseph's powerhouse will be out in full force for the St. Teresa's tussle. Dave "The Bam" Leonard, who may not see much action in future weeks, will be in the line-up tomorrow and so will brother Stan and batting star George "Strawberry" Souza. Souza is currently pummeling the apple at a sizzling 556 pace.

Sherry Bucks will be on the hill for this tilt with mastermind Hal Wink Lee leading behind the plate. Hal had to defer his retirement for another season when regular catcher Capone Rumbach suffered an ankle injury which sidelined him for the remainder of the campaign.

The Joeys have the leading base stealer in the entire loop in the speedy person of Arthur "Mighty Atom" Ozawa who is lighting on the base paths like a flash. The Joeys are experienced ball players and will not be caught napping by their more youthful opponents.

Mentor Tony Gonzales will be on the deck of a sinking ship when he pilots the St. Teresa's crew into battle tomorrow. St. Teresa's have a 5-and-4 record and are on the verge of passing out of pennant contention. A setback to St. Teresa's would end all St. Teresa's hopes for a play-off berth. The outcome certainly appears foggy for Gonzales and his men.

However, St. Teresa's are staunch fighters and will go down with their ship rather than quit when the chips are stacked high. Jack Brown will most probably get the pitching job against his former Joey mates. Jack hurled for St. Joseph's last season and transferred to St. Teresa's this season for sentimental reasons.

Joey Franco, the other huddling nominee, is strictly a temperamental performer and should not be entrusted with the pennant fortunes of his club. St. Teresa's will be greatly weakened by the loss of Billy Soares for the rest of the season.

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BRAVES MUST IMPROVE

The Braves will have to do a little better than their lackadaisical performance against the feeble Daredevils to overcome Dick Chang's Chung Hwa boys when they clash late tomorrow afternoon. Mentor Charlie Figueroa has acquired new blood for his second placed team.

The Tribe have signed on Mickey Remedios, who hurled for the Humantun Tigers in 1941, and are also looking for Joey Franco from St. Teresa's. Charlie has something up his sleeve but may not release his ace in the hole until he is in a spot.

Other Senior Loop games slated for the week-end are the tussle between the Jaguars and the Daredevils, the clash of the Madcaps and Pikes, and the tussle between the Pandas and the Cumbancheros.

The Jaguars should run up double figures against the Daredevils, who have been employing Junior Leaguers in their line-up. The Madcaps will be pitted against the Pikes who are capable of showing a good fight.

ALMOST OVER

The Senior Ladies title will be practically decided tomorrow afternoon after the White Hawks and the White Wahoos have settled the account. The White Hawks, who are currently leading the league, will be tested by the White Wahoos, who are currently in second place.

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SHOW OF STRENGTH

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JUNIOR LOOP ROUNDUP

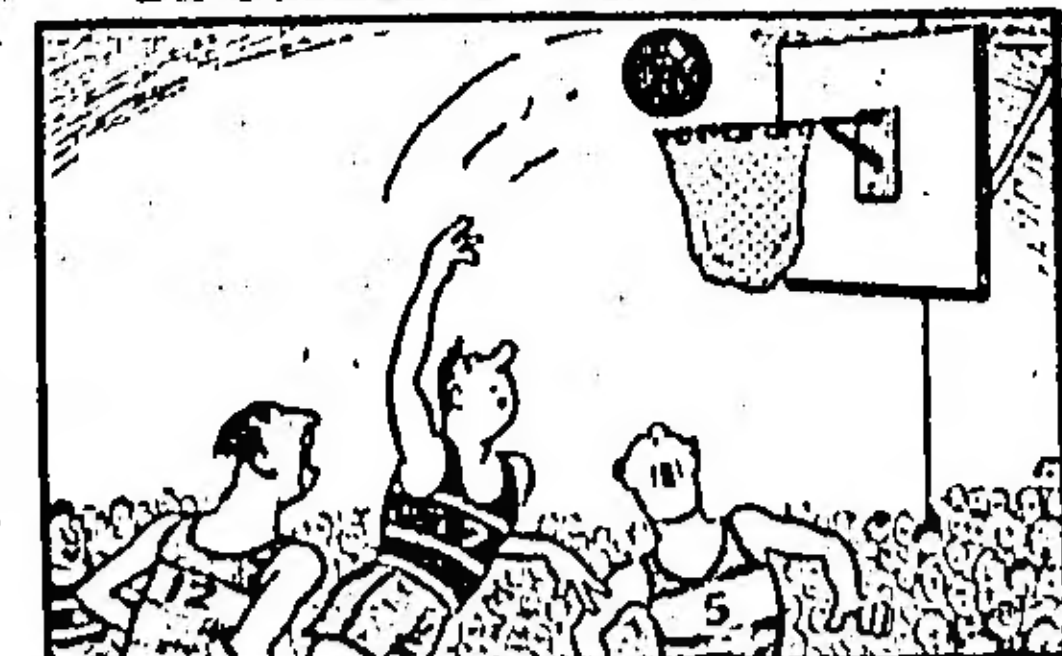
The Hexas and the Spartans play a crucial tussle this afternoon. The Hexas took a 12-5 decision from the Spartans earlier in the season. Lots of water has flowed under the bridge since that event and the Spartans are the most improved team in the loop. They will be out to lower the Hexas' colours to even up the flag race. A victory for the Indians would enhance their chances for the pennant.

The Overseas and the Aces meet in the nightcup with the former team eager to avenge a 6-4 defeat inflicted by G. O. "El Furioso" Jones and his gang.

The Blackhawks will find an enthusiastic rival in the youthful Delawares when they cross bats tomorrow.

One of the best Junior Loop games should be the meeting of the Braves and the Pandas. The Tribe stormed from behind to beat their arch foes 6-4 in the first game. The Jaguars have a 2-game advantage over the Pandas in the loop standings and cannot afford to lose ground at this late stage of their bid for the title. This game should be worth a visit to the ball park.

SPORTING SAM



By Reg. Wootton



Challenge Shield Ties Feature This Week-end's Soccer

BY "UNOMI"

The Second Round Ties of both Senior and Junior Challenge Shields are the highlights of this week-end's soccer. Each game will be played in the real cup-tie atmosphere and plenty of thrills and excitement are assured.

Today, at the Club Ground, the strong Kowloon Motor Bus meet stiff opposition from the News Vendors. After the grand display put up by the Buses last week, in which they inflicted a defeat on the all-conquering Kitchee, it is only natural that they start off today as favourites.

KMB played inspired football last Saturday and if they strike the same form this afternoon they should be a certain favourite for the title. The Buses have in their ranks one of the best club players in the Colony, I refer to Fung Kwun-wei, the left half.

This player was a member of the Hong Kong team which won the 1946-47 Asian Cup. When the team was disbanded, Fung was transferred to KMB and since then he has been one of the mainstays of the team. He is a powerful, fast, and accurate player, and his presence in the team is a great asset.

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STRONGER TEAM

Kitchee, after their defeat last Saturday, will no doubt feel that they are a much stronger team than they were when they were defeated. They have an excellent defence and a powerful forward line. They are a much stronger team than they were when they were defeated.

The position which is causing the St. Joseph's players a lot of headache is the goalkeeping. Sunny Tsang is off form at present and Jack Brown appears to have broken the game altogether.

Last month I saw Pereira play a grand game between the clubs for St. Joseph's against Club Street, and such a move may once again be successful.

Eastern are a team of triers but they seem to lack stamina. On numerous occasions they have had victory within their grasp but they failed to last the game and were defeated. Today's game will be well worth watching.

JUNIOR GAMES

The two Junior Shield games to be played this afternoon are Commandos v RAF and Prisoners v Club, respectively. The first game will be a Services duel. Commandos have got together a nice team who know where the goal lies and take the shortest distance to get there. Their fast, first-time tackling may upset the Almen.

The other Junior game, Prisoners v Club, will be an evenly matched affair. Both teams are a little weak but are full of keen youngsters. Extra time may be necessary in this game. Tomorrow all roads will lead to Sookunpo where Army do battle against League leaders Kitchee. This may prove to be the "game of the season."

Ever since the Army revealed their 5-0 defeat from Kitchee early in the season they have been eagerly awaiting a chance to avenge their failure. Will they be successful?

Army have been victorious in their past three games. This is a proud record and the soldiers will be all out to increase it.

The side contains many fine players, the majority of whom have played in the past. They are a powerful, fast, and accurate team, and their presence in the team is a great asset.

A great deal will depend on the ability of the Army's inside forwards. If they can open up the Kitchee's defence with crosses and passes instead of the close passing game they may be the means of Army winning the game.

NOTABLE

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GOVERNOR'S CUP

CNAAF won the Governor's Cup last Sunday when they trounced a HKFA eleven by six goals to one. The games in this series are usually played before a capacity crowd but last week's attendance was small indeed for a match of this nature. Can it be that the spectators are becoming bored by the inability of the HKFA to field a team strong enough to field the Chinese a hard game? The fans who did attend last Sunday's game were once again let down by the non-appearance of four of the advertised players in the HKFA team. This had a telling effect on the play of the whole

team and as the score tells, they were weak opposition to such a strong Chinese team. It was an interesting game to watch, especially the delightful football played by the CNAAF. They were in grand form and fooled the Europeans by sheer wizardry. Brown, Roberts and Taser were the only players in the losing team who played a game worthy of their selection.

A few surprise results were recorded in last week's League games. Congratulations to Kowloon Motor Bus who made the undefeated League leaders, Kitchee, "bite the dust" for the first time this season. The whole KMB team were in sparkling form and never allowed the opposition to settle.

It would be difficult to single out any one player worthy of special mention. Every man played the game of his life. Kitchee held two veterans, Fung Kwun-wei and Lau Shun-wei, and they could not keep up with the fast pace at which the game was played. The Kitchee defence were given a most gruelling time by the Bus forwards but they withstood many onslaughts.

Had it not been for the sterling defensive play by Lau Yung-sang and company the score might have been 6-1 instead of 3-1.

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INFLATED IDEAS

Meantime, Solomons and other London promoters are having a hard time trying to get their box-office potentials over here. The Italians, especially, seemed to have inflated ideas about their box-office potentials over here. For instance, Livio Minelli was said to have suggested £5,000 as a fee for defending the European water-gate title here against the British champion, Eddie Thomas.

TWO GOOD REASONS FOR SETTING UP A FOURTH DIVISION

By ARCHIE QUICK

Two good reasons for the formation of a Fourth Division of the Football League—Yeovil and Gillingham. There are others, but these two I saw up in a show in Somerset in the Second Round of the FA Cup competition which would not have discredited any Third Division side and would have been beyond the capabilities of many.

Yeovil reached the Third Round for the second year in succession, chiefly because of the goalkeeping skill of Dyke. It is a fine performance, and against the odds, for any one non-League club to reach such an advanced stage twice running. And remember the enterprise of Gillingham. They paid Luton Town over £10,000 for left-half Collins and the right wing pair of brothers and Bill Burtenshaw—an all-time record outlay for a Southern League club.

Their enterprise did not end there for Manager Archie Clark, formerly of Everton, "spotted" Baswell, Briggs, Russell and Forrester when they were in the Army Cup-winning team of Royal Engineers from Barton Stacey Camp and signed them on a bloe.

He tells me that he has refused five figure fees for each of them. Do Gillingham deserve a place in the League? And what of Yeovil who beat this talented side 3-1?

JUST DOWN THE ROAD

Just down the road Weymouth too are in the Third Division. They have appeared against a London First Division team. They always field a full eleven and they do it for a two-fold reason—to let the boys in khaki see the top-class exponents of the game and to give the Army valuable match-play practice for the important Inter-Service games ahead.

NOT A BAD SIDE

Although well beaten, the Army were by no means a bad side and I expect them to beat the Royal Navy and RAF later on. Their trouble was lack of finish after quite good forward approach play.

The "big find" in more senses than one is Signum. Jack Neilson, a Glasgow man who is on Queen of South's books. This massive left-half weighs 14 stones, stands 6ft. 3 ins tall and is yet only 19.

He is at times a little too casual—almost cheeky against the big professors of the game as Everton are—and is not too strong in getting back on defence.

But he scored a very good goal, almost, obtained another and found his forwards with uncanny accuracy. I do not see a pass forward of his going astray. What a prospect for some club with the patience to train him properly!

SAGAR'S JUBILEE

Ted Sagar, Everton's English International goalkeeper, who played for his country 13 years ago, appeared for his present club when they instituted their annual matches with the Army at Aldershot 20 years ago. He was still "there" when Everton

beat Army 7-2, and in the opposite goal was another International, Scottish Amateur, Lance/Cpl Ronnie Simpson, who was not born when that 1929 match was played!

Sagar told me that he has played in a round dozen of these games, but he still feels fit enough to carry on — "although I am getting a bit fed up with this game of football!" Sagar has a son playing for Everton Reserves.

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5 Londoners Are Boxing For England

By GEORGE WHITING

Five London boxers are in the English team to meet Scotland at Wembley on January 25. One of them, heavyweight Albert Darvill, is the only member of last year's side to keep his place.

With Peter Brander, Ron Latham, Terry Ratcliffe and Donald Scott on Empire Games duty in New Zealand, the Scottish match offers scope for imagination and the selectors appear to have made good use of their opportunity.

As a result, there are four new "caps." Epsom and Ewell, BC capture two of them through their junior championship winners of last season—flyweight Glen A. Court and middleweight Walter Beckett, winners of the Empire Games trial and of the recent ABA invitation competition.

Roberto Proietti, European Lightweight Champion, is also putting a high price on his services for a title fight at Empress Hall with British champion Billy Thompson.

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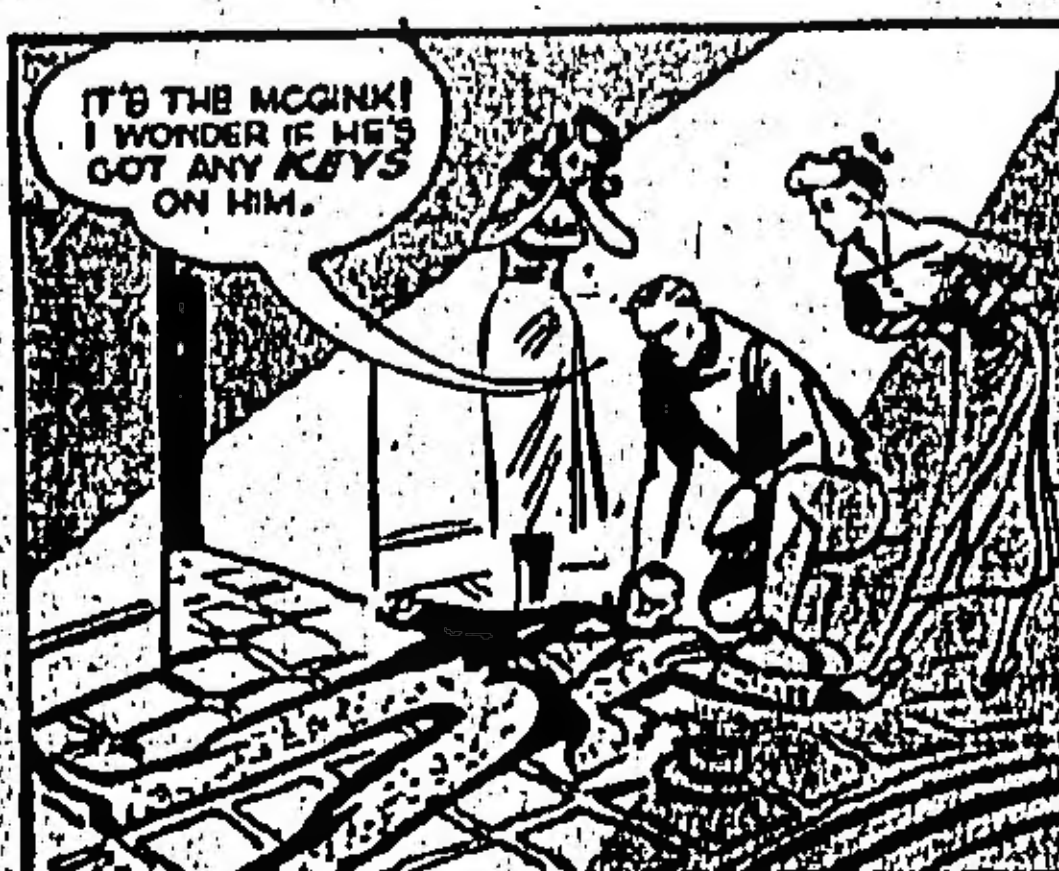
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If you want to fish from your front door or seek a fortune exploring for oil, then the place for you is Brunel.



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To celebrate, the Sultan has issued this stamp, showing himself and his still town. Face value 50 cents (1s. 2d.); Perforation: 13 by 13. Their value will rise.

FROM HERE AND THERE:

Film Company's Bibles Dodged Dollar Controls

HOLLYWOOD: An example of how Hollywood gets its money out, a film company used funds frozen in Finland to have Bibles printed in English. The Bibles were then exported to America and sold for dollars, which the company pocketed.

Romantic Pickpocket

ALEXANDRIA: Zennah, a well-known Cairo woman pickpocket, already sentenced several times, decided to get married. As she needed money she sent the chief of the police pickpocket squad a most unusual letter. She asked that she be free to operate a home and buses during the week-end at the end of which she would be released. The police chief, who had been promised to release all her activities and become a law-abiding citizen. All the pickpocket could do was to check her men to watch more closely the ingenious pickpocket. And thanks to police watchfulness Zennah remains unmarried.

Chaplin II

HOLLYWOOD: No more Charlie Chaplin films with Charlie Chaplin in them will be produced. He will direct from now on and his next star in a film he plans to start next year will be his oldest son Sydney.

Imperfect Mothers

NEW YORK: Too much criticism has made a good mother a fairly complicated task. A famous American

child doctor today. He complained that young women are being trained for jobs instead of motherhood. As a result he said, the child becomes a substitute for the mother's deserted typewriter. This has made the clock determines number of feedings, scales are consulted incessantly, and hours of sleep are tabulated.

Too Cold To Catch Cold

CHICAGO: A better cold cure than all these pills. Americans are fond of it, to move to the North Pole. Bank home in Chicago, explorer Donald MacKenzie, said he had had a cold for a year, to catch one but he couldn't.

Haw-Haw!

FLORIDA: First fascist secret experiment, are the bombing Florida for the practical joke who lathered a donkey right in the middle of President Truman's bathing beach. They do not want to punish him, but to find out how he got himself and the donkey there. The President is always surrounded by enough bodyguards to keep off the most malicious intruder. But not only his personal guards were outwitted by the donkey owner. The beach is part of a naval station, guarded by a fleet of a dozen factory owners of highly secret and submarine experiments.

A SPELL FOR OLD BONES. By Eric Linklater. Cape, 9s. 223 pages.

It is an idea on which Linklater dwells with manifest pleasure: If only the human race would give up improving, taxing, drilling, envying, fearing and fighting one another, why, there would then be more time in the long summer evenings (to say nothing of the long winter nights).

But, if we give up Laws, what are we to put in their place? Love, answers the lovely Princess Lisa, Linklater's heroine. She means (in this context) theological, not carnal, Love.

And how far would Love carry us on our journey? Not quite to the end, Linklater seems to answer, in the fairy-tale for adults. For Albion, his hero, having witnessed a spectacular triumph of Love on the battlefield of the giants Furbur and Old McGrimmon, nevertheless goes off to fight the Romans.

The truth is that Albion occasionally finds domestic happiness with Lisa, a young woman as good an excuse as any. The scene of this fable is Scotland, the time, the first century. A D. when the occasional birth of a giant is the only inconvenience the people suffer. It is, however, not a fable, for the giants have an inordinate passion for governing, federating, making propaganda and war.

Albion is apt to annoy people by saying things like "Being is so much more important than doing." But as poet he inspires respect from the giants, his skill in avoiding work and war commands our admiration.

His adventures, and the plot, consisting of a plot, plot, plot, of the giants are told in Linklater's simple and clearly written style. It is a book to read, and with the right, scholarly humour, with which to read it, the most fun.

CAT OF MANY TAILS. By Ellery Queen. Gollancz, 9s. 6d. 284 pages.

A high paced and exciting detective story as ever stepped out of the Queen stable. Both Ellery Queen and Manfred Lee, cousins born Brooklyn, 1905, who add up to Ellery Queen, can congratulate themselves on a sparkling job.

New York is terrorised by nine stranglers, needless, without connecting link, except that each victim is killed in the same fashion: way with the same kind of silk thread.

New Books by George Malcolm Thomson

And except that each murderess is a little younger than the one before. But is that a clue? Does it really help? If only one could see the shadow of a motive!

Listen, you have heard about irrational impulses, traumas, neuroses and so forth? Well, then, is there a psychiatrist in the house?

LUCIFER WITH A BOOK. By John Horne Burns. Secker and Warburg, 12s. 6d. 329 pages.

It may seem a long way from that Galleria in Naples where we last met Horne Burns to the Sophisticated Academic for Boys and Girls in Pennsylvania, but believe me, the tone has not improved on the journey.

Consider how staff and pupils spend the vacation.

The Principal, drunk on rum, has a stroke. Dr. Sore gets into a peculiarly degraded imbecility in Washington. Guy Hudson, history master, lives in an hotel with Betty Blanchard, of the girls' section. Mr. Grimes, but Mr. Grimes is too neutral to count.

The young people prove not unworthy of this land. In the end, the book is a triumph. In the end, the book is a triumph. In the end, the book is a triumph.

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TROY AND THE MAY-POLE. By Winston Clewes. Michael Joseph, 9s. 6d. 240 pages.

Do the fields of childhood sparkle to the backward-glancing eye? And all that comes after is it simply a sorrowful decline from the

beauty, loyalty, happiness of those early years?

Yes, answers Winston Clewes, in this touching new novel steeped in nostalgia. Yes, look at Sybil, Darnie, Charlie, Dirk, especially Dirk, the gay, the dominating, the selfish, Dirk, who married Sybil, made her wretched, and brought the whole lovely fabric of youth tumbling down.

This is a fresh, sad, genuine novel; a vision that is seized, felt and set down. But then, Winston Clewes is one of our best young novelists.

A pity, though, that he has gone to the stockroom for his Father Roderick. One day of agreeable surprise we shall meet a priest in fiction who will not be a miracle of goodness and simplicity plus a genius for dialectics.

MAPS AND MAP-MAKERS. By R. V. Tooley. Batsford, 30s. 128 pages.

MAPS, curious, pictorial, magnificent but so rarely the maps to keep beside you in the driving-seat.

Here is Armenia, mapped by Ptolemy with Noah's Ark on the top of Mount Ararat. And Cambridge, which John Speed, has embellished with pictures of professors, no doubt to console the too trustful traveller who finds he has arrived at Oxford by mistake.

Here is France, Drake's map of the world which, by putting the South Pole in Australia, increases our respect for the feat of circumnavigation.

And here is England, with something stuck on top like a poisoned thumb which turns out to be Scotland. This map dates from the 14th century when the battle of Bannockburn was fought. So let us slide with the utmost courtesy that, whoever

got a poisoned thumb at the B. of B. it was not Scotland.

A pretty authoritative volume.

THE SATURDAY BOOK. Edited by Leonard Russell. Hutchinson, 21s. 288 pages.

YOU pick what you like. Personally, I have a soft side for Fred Bason, bookseller, autograph collector and the king of cigarette-card collectors ("cartophiles" to you). Or perhaps one should say the king since war-time bombs and flooding have brought his collection down from 1,500,000 to 5,000 cards.

Mr Bason took to dealing in cigarette cards at a time when the first holiday of his life had left him short of ready money. At that time there were only three other cigarette card dealers in the world. He did good business.

But perhaps you would rather share the sardonic musings of George Schwartz, who compares the "black materialism" of his boyhood with the rich life of social democracy today.

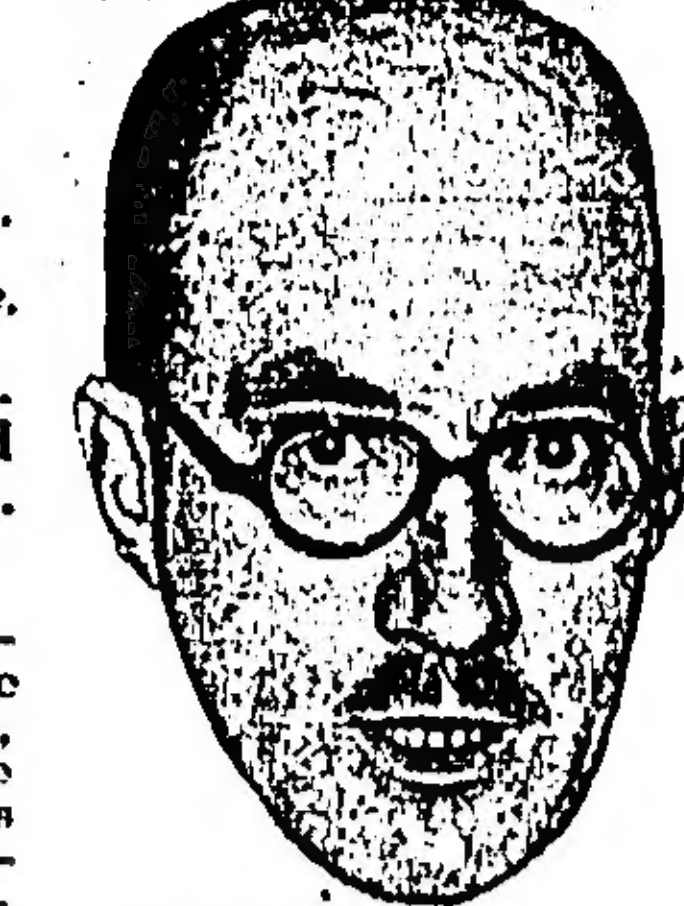
Or, in your illiterate way, you may be content to scan a wonderful gallery of photographs, reproductions of pictures, shop windows, objects d'art. Every man to his taste.

THE DICTIONARY OF NATIONAL BIOGRAPHY 1931-1940. Oxford University Press, 50s. 968 pages.

WOULD you like to be successful? A random sample of the eminent persons who died during one decade of modern British history suggests the following recipe. If possible, continue to be born. Continue to be born. Continue to be born.

This is important. Choose your father from the professional class, a military officer or a minister of religion will give the most favourable results.

The southern half of England is the best place to be born in—London best of all.



ERIC LINKLATER lives in Scotland. He is married and has four children. He has written nearly 30 books. One of the best known, *Private Angelo*, has been translated into 15 languages. He has written a number of radio plays.

Failing that, Dublin is—or rather was—as promising as anywhere.

Although some education appears to be almost essential, it does not matter much where you seek it. Delicate health and private tutoring are a good road to success. A university is advised.

Marry. Have two children. Have your portrait painted, preferably at the expense of admirers. And expect to live to be 72 years and six months. Genius is healthy, on the showing of this survey of a nation's ability and character.

(London Express Service)

DAB and FLOUNDER by WALTER



(London Express Service)

NEW ATOM SECRETS TOLD TO U.S.

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

FOURTY FIVE YEAR OLD Major General Leon Johnson, Jewish of the United States, Super-Fortress atom bomber group stationed on British airfields, is to be the head of a new organisation in the US Embassy to speed the supply of American arms to Britain.

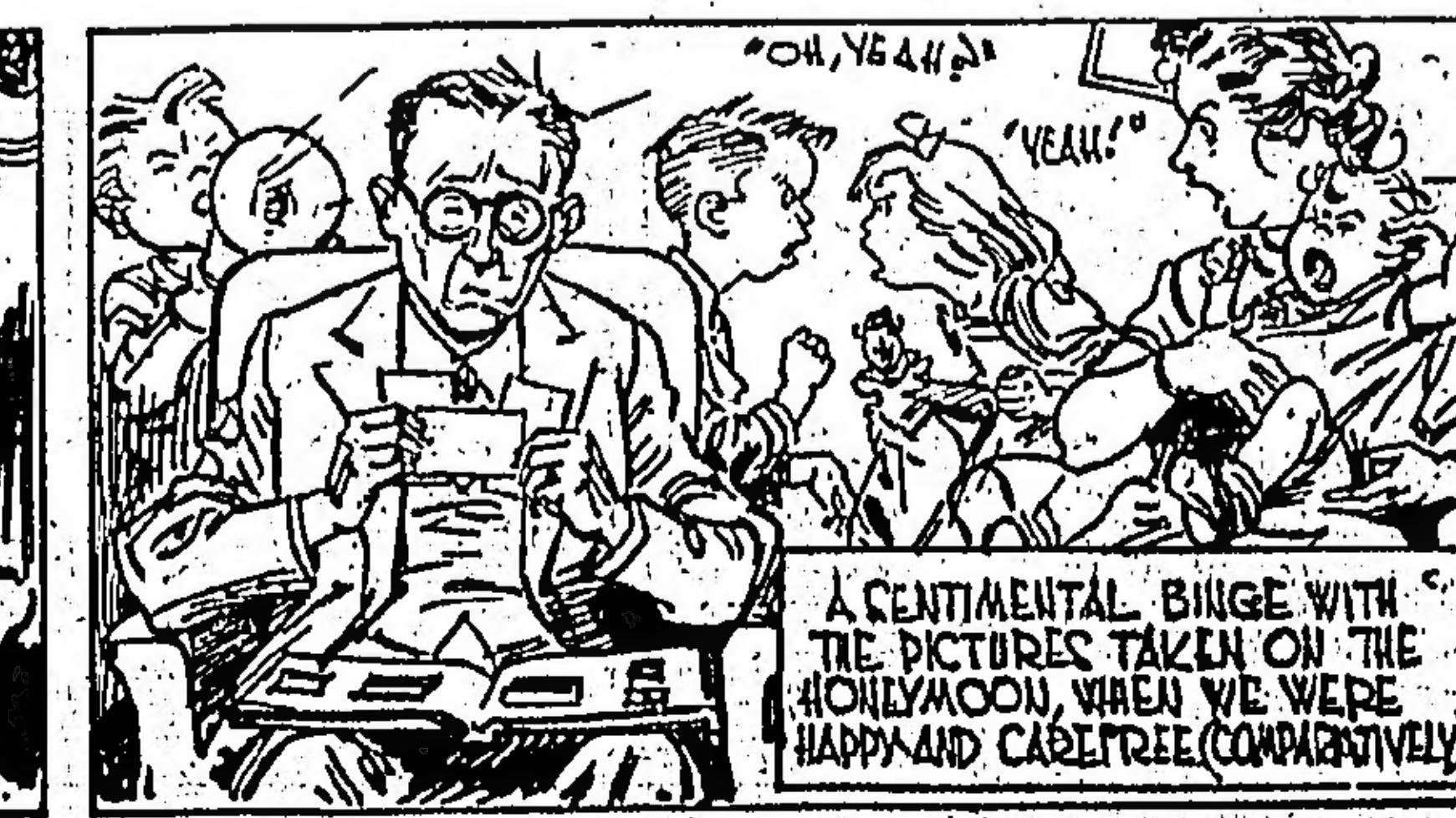
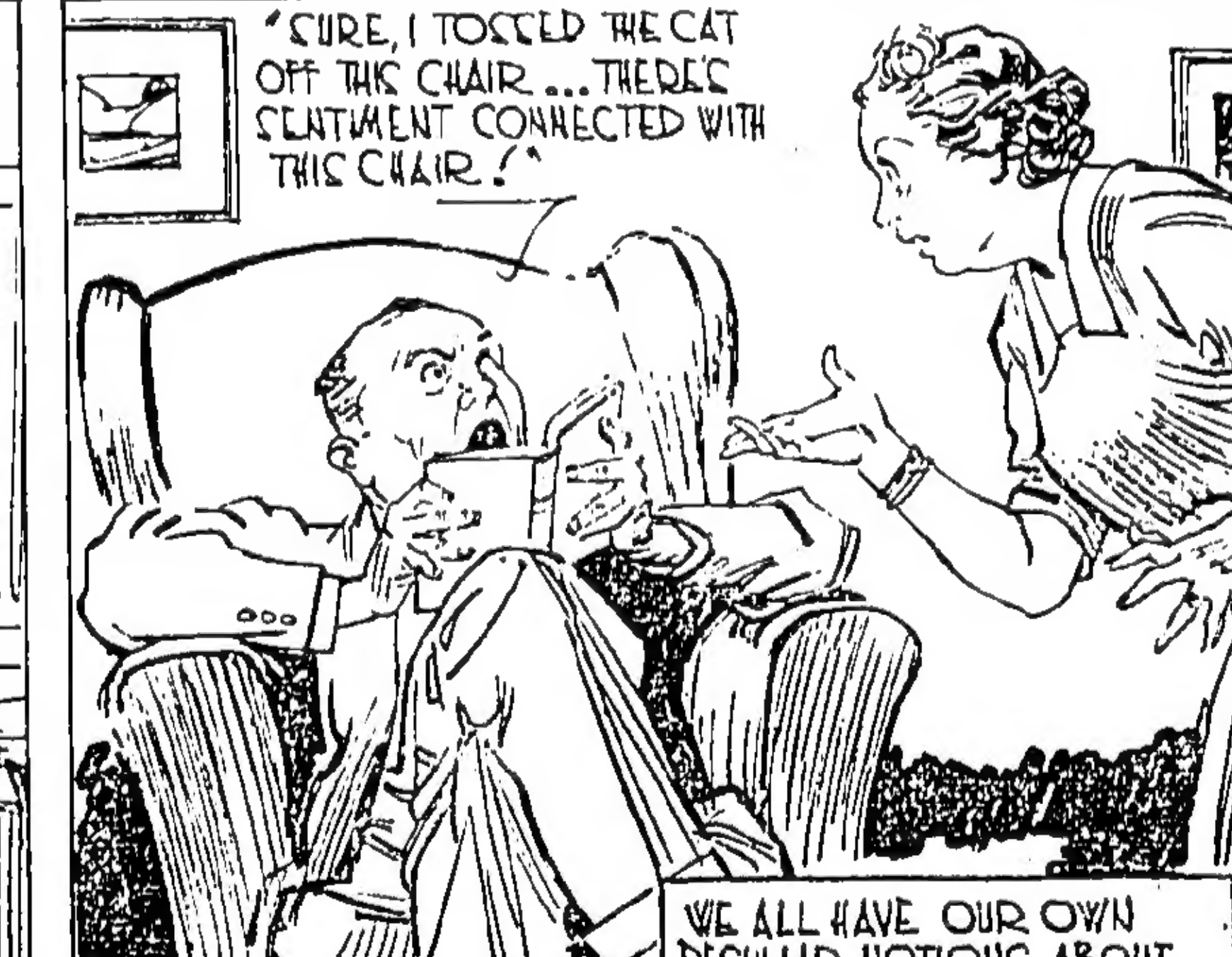
America's best military brain on heavy gun production—Major General Thomas Hayes, has been recruited from retirement to join this new organisation in London.

It is understood that US atomic weapon specialists will be attached to the US Embassy because good progress has been made in Washington atom talks between Britain, America, and Canada.

SEE FACTORY
American Army engineers and scientists have already been taken over Britain's £7,000,000 atom explosive factory at Sellafield West Cumberland.

(London Express Service)

VIGNETTES OF LIFE



"Just Sentiment" By KEMP, STARRETT

SPARE MOMENTS PAGE

CHURCH NOTICES

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Good Support Bids Bring Home Bacon

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

THIS is the fifth of a series of articles on responses to opening forcing bids of two in a suit. I have taken this series from a chapter in Fred L. Karpin's revised edition of the Point-Count System of Bidding in Contract Bridge.

In today's article Mr. Karpin explains what to do when your partner has opened the auction with a two-bid in a suit, and you have the ace of one suit and the king of another. You hold the ace suit first and then bid the king suit or your second or

spence. In today's hand, a South two club opening. North, one spade. Showing the ace of spades. When South opens

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SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"You can call it groups if you insist, Doctor, but I'm going to tell my friends it's a strain."

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

WHILE I am not a doctor, I am a beachcomber. I have been looking for a long time for a good definition of the word "beachcomber". I have found it in the dictionary, but I am not sure if it is the same as the one I am looking for. I am looking for a beachcomber who is not a doctor, but a beachcomber who is a doctor.

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YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

IF you are born today, you have an alert mind, but you are inclined to be impulsive at the wrong moment. The next instant you may regret your act, but it is too late to recall. The best advice is for you to think things over more carefully before you make a move.

You are very adroit at getting out of complications and, as the saying goes, you usually "land on your feet." Avoid acting or speaking when angry, for at such times you are not in complete control of your best senses.

You have a great deal of self assurance, but are happiest when you are the centre of an admiring group. You should weed in your early or mid twenties as the help and en-

couragement of a congenial mate will encourage you to do your best work at all times.

You are not one to be idle. Parents of children born on this day should be careful to see that their property is properly occupied or there is bound to be mischief afoot. This habit can go over into adulthood, too, so watch out for it! Very often outdoor games or competitive sports will consume your energy and keep you from getting bored.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

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